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Town wins the day on hospital surgery



■ BATMAN (aka Mike Tappin) was among participants in Axminster Leisure Centre's row-a-thon in aid of Comic Relief. Organised by the centre's health and fitness team leader, Vanessa Cross (pictured with the red nose), staff and gym goers took 15-minute turns on a rowing machine from from 7.30am-7.30pm. The event raised £140.

By Anders Larsson
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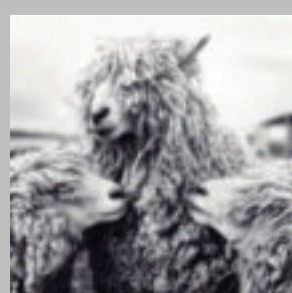
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



HONITON: Angela Blackwell, curator of the Thelma Hulbert Gallery, joined colleagues this week in mounting an exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the artist after whom the gallery is named.



AXMINSTER: Tara Dare of Hedgehog Corner B&B and Cottages at Raymonds Hill won silver in the South West Tourism Awards 2012-13.

She had already won bronze in Devon Tourism Awards in the same category.



SIDMOUTH: Jane Sherwood of Emily's Chocolates is holding a lucky draw to win a giant Easter Bunny at the shop to raise money for Help for Heroes.

"It is a cause close to my heart," she said.



OTTERY ST MARY: John Richardson, secretary of the gardening club spring show, managed an award for his leeks, despite extremely tough growing conditions and a drop in the number of entries.

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Quotes of the week...

“ I know, without trying to be clever, I know more than most of the councillors and I know more than most of the officers.”

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Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RD&E) and NHS Devon, Plymouth and Torbay statement on the future of Axminster Hospital

“ AT present, it is estimated that it will cost £1.2-£1.3 million to finish the fifth and final stage of the improvements to Sidmouth Victoria Hospital.

Comforts Fund chairman Graham Vincent explaining the plans for the final stage of the redevelopment of the hospital after receiving a cheque for £500 towards the refurbishments from Sidmouth Dancers for Charity

“ THE Countryfile team seemed to thoroughly enjoy their visit to these very special Wetlands, and we were very pleased to show them the good work that's being done on the site.”

Doug Rudge from East Devon District Council Countryside Team commenting on a filming visit by presenters from the BBC Countryfile programme

IN THIS WEEK'S PULMAN'S VIEW

SPORT

Celebrating 60 years of racing at Cotley

COMMENCING at 1.30pm on Easter Saturday (March 30th), the annual Cotley Point-to-Point will celebrate 60 years of outstanding amateur steeple-chasing at one of the West Country's most charismatic racing venues, Cotley Farm, near Chard (TA20 3EP).

One of the highlights of this year's race meeting is an additional special restricted flat race in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance charity.

Open only to Cotley Hunt members riding their hunters, this promises to be a true amateur race, albeit a hotly contested one.

Vyvan Eames, who owns and farms the Cotley Estate and who has been Chairman of the Point-to-Point for over 35 years, said: "We already have ten entries for the sponsored charity flat race and as a result we are hoping to raise well over £1,000 for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. It's a mixed field of all shapes and sizes and includes two well known local pensioners."

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Millwey Rise through to Bill Bailey Cup Final

ONLY three south-West Peninsula League games survived the weekend's deluge.

Sidmouth Town may have wished theirs hadn't as they were hammered 4-0 at Appledore.

The Vikings could have their hands full again on Saturday as they head off to face fourth-placed Stoke Gabriel.

After their game at Newton Abbot Spurs was washed out, Axminster Town are scheduled to return to action for their first game in five weeks on Saturday with the visit of lowly Alphington.

Down in the Devon & Exeter League premier division Feniton kept alive their hopes of a successful title chase with a hard-fought 2-1 win over struggling Thorverton at Acland Park.

Beer Albion had a day to forget. The Fishermen's net was filled six times as they were thrashed at Morchard Bishop.

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the flamingo pool

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From the editor's chair A town fighting back



ANOTHER week and we still don't know whether Axminster Carpets has been saved. Still no official statement from the administrators appointed to find a buyer or from their PR agency.

Meanwhile, rumours continue to swirl around town about whether indeed a buyer will be found, a disturbing possibility perpetuated by *The Sunday Times* Business Section that one potential buyer, the American firm Carlyle, owners of Brintons carpet manufacturers in Kidderminster, have pulled out of negotiations because they only wanted part of the business.

The Sunday broadsheet, who claim to have a "source", went on to say that if a buyer was not forthcoming soon, Carpets could go into liquidation.

That's the Doomsday scenario which everyone wants to avoid for it will mean another 100 being made redundant.

Still no confirmation from official sources over the ownership of the land at Cloakham Lawn earmarked for housing and industrial development although *Pulman's View* has been told that one of the farmers who lease a couple of fields there has been given notice to quit.

Whilst all this speculation continues, highly worrying for the remaining staff, *Pulman's View* this week launches an "AXMINSTER FIGHTS BACK" campaign, generously supported by local traders in which we are promoting all the positive factors of

living and working in Axminster.

This week's issue includes a 10-page supplement highlighting how the town is coming together to ensure that those who have lost their jobs at the carpet factory receive the very best in advice and support and highlighting the many plus-factors about the town of Axminster and its surrounds.

Over the next few months we will continue to publish special "AXMINSTER FIGHTS BACK" pages and we are planning a "Pride In Axminster" awards evening in September and shortly we will be inviting our readers to nominate suitable recipients for a number of awards which reflect achievements in the business and community life of Axminster.

◆ NOW for an apology. Two weeks ago we published a letter on our *Your View* page withholding the correspondent's name and address. This was a mistake. Only in very special circumstances do we allow this - and this should not have been one of those occasions.

Another correspondent wrote to us saying what a pity that we allowed this to happen, stressing that all those who pen their views should have the conviction of putting their name to their letters.

We agree with that sentiment and will not make the same mistake again.

Philip Evans

EAST DEVON

Local councillor resigns after sting

A DISTRICT councillor resigned after making controversial comments to undercover newspaper reporters.

Graham Brown, who represented Feniton and Buckereil Ward on East Devon District Council, handed in his resignation on Wednesday, March 13th.

The resignation was sparked after Mr Brown, in his capacity as a planning consultant, gave an interview to undercover *Daily Telegraph* reporters.

According to the paper, Mr Brown said he had "access to all the right people for the right clients" but warned he "didn't come cheap".

The story sparked furious reactions from various quarters, and EDDC referred Mr Brown's comments to the police under the Bribery Act 2010 and its own policy on Fraud, Theft and Anti-Corruption, saying the comments warranted independent examination.

A few hours later, EDDC issued a new bulletin, which said: "EDDC has this evening (March 13th) received the resignation of Graham Brown.

"Graham Brown has resigned his seat with immediate effect following claims he made about the local planning system to undercover *Daily Telegraph* reporters. In his resignation statement he cited his reasons as 'unbearable media pressure'.

EDDC chief executive Mark Williams added: "Although Graham Brown has not been a member of our planning committee, his comments still raised serious issues and we have responded to them quickly, firmly and fairly.

"Given our earlier referral of the issue to the police I do not wish to comment any further at this stage, other than to reassure the public that we will cooperate fully and openly if the police decide to investigate.

"We continue to carefully assess the situation pending a response from the police, and any possible investigation under the Councillor Code of Conduct is on hold until we have that response."

In a statement accompanying his resignation, Mr Brown maintained that he has not broken the law but had 'misjudged the situation'.

His statement read: "It is with great regret that I have decided today to step down and resign my position as an EDDC councillor due to the unbearable media pressure from the *Daily Telegraph*.

"I wish to announce a full apology to my councillor colleagues across the whole political spectrum at East Devon and to the EDDC officers."

BEER

Paying homage to village war dead

THE people of Beer are planning to pay tribute to villagers who went away to war on the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of World War One next year.

Plans are in motion to pay tribute to everyone from Beer that served, especially those that lost their lives.

Organisers, who have set up the Beer 2014 group, hope to educate villagers and visitors alike on the part Beer played in the war effort by staging a number of commemorative events.

Peter Anderson and Richard Stott, who came up with the idea, have already outlined plans for the 2014 events to Beer Parish Council.

They will start their appeal for information on those from the village who served in the war at a coffee morning in the Mariners Hall on Saturday, April 6th.

Proposals include an exhibition telling the stories of the men from the village who served in the war, particularly those that died.

There is also a planned re-enactment of the events of August 3rd 1914, when men from the village, who were members of the Royal Naval Reserve, marched

COLYTON £350k needed for off-road cycle route

THE Burgesses of Colyford have begun efforts to find £350,000 funding for the Stop Line Way cycle route through the village.

The Burgesses have spent months working on an off-road route alternative to Devon County Council's proposed cycle route, which would have seen cyclists cross the A3052 and pass a narrow pinch-point over the bridge at the bottom of the village. The entire Stop Line Way will run from Bristol to Seaton.

After a series of heated public meetings last year, at which Colyford residents opposed the "dangerous" route and the siting of a new toucan crossing across the A3052 near the Post Office - which they wanted to see further up the road outside the church - Devon County Council agreed to hold-off on plans for six months while the Burgesses worked on their off-road alternative.

The county's proposed on-road route would have cyclists arrive in Colyford via the Axe Valley Wetlands, joining Seaton Road and then turning left onto the A3052.

It would then cross the suggested toucan crossing and head down Swan Hill Road, crossing the bridge outside the White Hart Inn and turning left down Cownhayne Lane before heading on towards Axminster.

Residents complained this would be dangerous, with publican Rob Sellings from the White Hart Inn describing it as a "recipe for disaster".

Villagers also said the toucan crossing outside the Post Office would be of no benefit to residents and, if it was to be installed, they would rather see it between Colyford Memorial Hall and the church.

Residents favoured the Burgesses' idea for a completely off-road route which would continue through the Wetlands and meet the tramline.



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McMURTRY - (Jim) James Herbert aged 89 years, formerly of Lyme Regis, on 12th March 2013 peacefully in Elmwood Residential Home, Colyford. Husband of the late Babe, much loved father & father in law of Ian & Liz. Funeral service to be held at St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on **WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH** at 11.30am followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the Royal British Legion (Lyme Regis) c/o J F Clarke & Son Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Axminster EX13 5AU or at the service.

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■ **STEPPING UP:** Nic Sestaret, Alex Brown and Ian Styles front the Axminster team last Friday

Tool centre manned Red Nose phones

IF YOU donated money on the phone to Comic Relief, chances are that your call was handled by volunteers at Axminster tool Centre.

The company had recruited more than 100 volunteers to man 55 phone lines.

The total amount taken at Axminster is kept secret by Comic Relief, but almost 1,800 calls were taken.

Kelly Baker is part of the company's Aspire team, which organised the event.

She said: "The whole evening was a huge success and everyone involved seemed to enjoy it."

"We took 1,774 phone calls."

"The most money was taken by David Barnes who works in the warehouse (total taken not single donation)."

"The first phone call of the night was taken by Sara Brice, who also works in the warehouse."

The highest number of calls were taken by Sarah Tulloch, who volunteered from outside of the company.

"Over 100 volunteers took turns to cover the 55

phone lines, provide food and refreshments and ensure that technology ran smoothly.

"BT and South West Communications played a big part in making the evening possible."

"We were pleased to welcome Exeter Chief RFC first team players Alex Brown and Nic Sestaret who came and took telephone pledges."

"The Aspire team would like to thank everyone who volunteered and made the night a huge success."

"We would also like to thank BT, South West Communications and Comic Relief who were instrumental in ensuring the night ran smoothly."

"Not only did we help to raise money to tackle the root causes of poverty and social injustice, but everyone involved had a fantastic time"

The Aspire team consists of Antony Jempson, Nick Taylor, Richard Beer, Kelly Baker, David Long, Sammy Barry, David Jones, Jade Keam, Charlie Cross and is headed by Helen Terry.

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Axminster Job Club has also announced that it will organise a job fair in the town on Thursday, May 30th.

Job club volunteers will invite employers from within a 15-mile or so radius of the town.

More operations at hospital

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■ IN CHARGE: Musical director Edward Jacobs

Community choir concert raises £1,000 for Rotary Club charities

MORE than £1,000 was raised for charity when Axe Valley Community Choir took to the stage to help the Rotary Club of Axminster.

The choir performed free of charge at a sell-out fundraiser in aid of Rotary-supported charities on Saturday, February 23rd.

Rotary spokesperson Bill Coltham described the performance in Axminster Guildhall as "rousing and polished" and added: "It resulted in over £1,000 for charities in Axminster."

"Two-hundred tickets were sold and musical director Edward Ja-

cobs, with Tina McKenny on the electronic keyboard, led his 60-strong band of singers over a wide ranging ensemble of Abba, Shirley Bassey and popular sing-a-long pieces.

Catchy beats

"Solo performances by Jess Underwood, 10-year-old Shanna Russell and saxophonist Jonathan Davies delighted the audience, many clapping and tapping toes to the catchy beats and jazz renditions.

"Jess, dressed to kill as Shirley Bassey after the interval, provided

glitzy glamour and a reminder of Shirley Bassey's wonderful voice and personality.

"Shanna Russell, a name to watch for the future, gave a professional, powerful and sure-footed public performance well in advance of her years.

"Great support from the Inner Wheel in providing refreshments at the interval was equally welcomed, and a lively raffle raised over £200, and much appreciated.

"Well done to all those hard at work during the show, and for the public responding."

Support meeting for the carpet workers

By Anders Larsson
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A SUPPORT meeting open to all Axminster Carpets workers, ex-workers and their family members is to be held in the Guildhall on Thursday (March 21st) between 10.30am-12.30pm.

The meeting will be led by former Axminster Carpets workers Tim Coath and Derek Branker to give current and former workers a voice within the community.

Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre manager Aynsley Jones is helping to promote the meeting and said: "This meeting will be closed to the general public but is vital that it is well attended so people can be heard."

"The meeting is primarily to give emotional support to each other at this time and to be able to exchange information.

Mixed emotions

"There will also be feedback boxes for all attending the meeting to voice their needs within the community and this will then assist in how the community can best move forward.

"Since the total redundancies of 300 workers from Axminster Carpets there has been mixed emotions and many who have lost their jobs are grappling with a new world.

"Many people feel they are alone in this situation but they are not."

Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre runs the Canned Sunshine foodbank, and Aynsley said: "Last week the food bank fed over 120 people, amounting to over two per cent of the Axminster population based on figures of 5,656 from East Devon District Council.

"We estimate that there could be a peak of three per cent over the following weeks but will return to just

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under one per cent within five weeks.

"The food bank still needs items such as rice, powdered or UHT milk, tinned pulses, canned fruit or vegetables, gravy granules, pasta sauces and Easter eggs.

"The next five weeks will be a busy time for the food bank but we will continue to ensure we provide an equal, confidential and impartial service.

"The food bank would like to thank the Canned Sunshine volunteers, who have been working round the clock to ensure everyone can be catered for, the community for all their donations, Co-op who have our orange collection boxes, the local schools, Tesco who are extending their collection for the next five weeks, Axminster Tool Centre for emergency boxes and all the food banks in the area who have offered their support.

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New location for memory café

AXMINSTER Memory Café is on the move and will meet in Willow Day Centre at Axminster Hospital.

The meeting day is also changing to the third Monday of the month.

Memory café co-ordinator Peter Smart said: "We look forward to seeing all our regulars at the new venue and extend a warm welcome to everyone who would like to come and join us in our many varied activities or for just a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat."

The café caters for people with memory problems, and their carers.

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Meetings will be from 2.30pm-4.30pm and access is via the Conybeare Ward entrance.

Axminster Memory Café is also looking for a co-ordinator. Should you be interested, contact Mr Smart on 01297 35144.

Walk of Witness

AXMINSTER Churches Together will be marking Good Friday with their annual Walk of Witness, starting at Tesco's car park and following the Cross through the town to end on Minster Green, stopping for readings at various points along the way.

Participants should meet at Tesco at 12 noon on Friday, March 29th but try to park elsewhere and not take up all the supermarket spaces.



■ **MUCH APPRECIATED:** Steven Littley (second from left) presents the cheque to Eve Chubb. Also in the photo are Frank Bastin, Adam Lee, Ed Chubb, Curtis Neesam and Toby Cloud

Step forward for new-look skatepark

THE extension of an Axminster skatepark has reached preferred design stage, and quotes are currently being sought.

The plan is to extend the skatepark at Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre in memory of Tom Chubb, who died in a car crash on the A358 at Musbury on October 31st last year at the age of 18.

Tom spent a lot of time at the skatepark, and the plans to extend it as a legacy to him were announced at the end of last year.

Cloakham's skatepark management group is made up of youngsters and adults, including Tom's mum Eve and his brother Ed.

Trips to other skateparks have been made and an 18-feature design have been produced, including quarterpipes, a flatbank, a half taco and more. With the

design ready, quotes for the work can be sought and management group members estimate the total cost to £160,000.

Having a design at the ready should also make it easier to seek funding from grant-award bodies.

Fundraising efforts have already started with Steven Littley, of Cranberries Luxury Hideaways at Hills Farm in Kilmington recently presenting a cheque for £513.27 after an Adele tribute gig.

Serious sport

Speaking about the skatepark project, Mr Littley: "It is a great charity to support."

The design was on view during the cheque presentation and skatepark user Adam Lee was overheard saying: "It's beautiful. It is everything we asked for and more."

Mrs Chubb said: "It's impor-

tant to get across that we don't want a mere playpark, this is a serious sport now. It should be considered as important as other sports."

Another welcome financial boost was produced by hairdresser and runner Adele Foxwell, who raised £265.50 by completing The Grizzly.

Anyone wishing to get involved with the project can seek out Fix Axminster Skatepark on Facebook or contact management group member Andrew Moulding on 01297 553 865 or email andrew.moulding2008@btinternet.com

Skatepark project wristbands are on sale at BikeNutz and Busy Bee in Axminster.

£8,000 boost for Purzebrook flood alleviation scheme

WORKMEN will return to Purzebrook, Axminster, to add further flood prevention measures thanks to an £8,000 grant.

An old stone culvert was replaced along the footpath between Musbury Road and Purzebrook at the end of last year after a series of flooding incidents.

But more money has since been made available, which means that £8,000 will be spent on debris grills at Purzebrook.

A total of about £60,000 is being invested by Devon County Council (DCC) in a number of what is called 'quick-win' schemes to address flooding issues.

Purzebrook is one of them and is also a direct result of feedback from flood surgeries and drop-in events held across the county.

They are also based on the findings of the Flood Investigation Report into the summer floods, produced by DCCI in partnership with the Environment Agency, district councils and South West Water.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, chairman of Devon Flood Risk Management Partnership and Devon County Council Cabinet member for Highways and Transportation, said: "Communities have played a big part in highlighting the actions we're now putting into

place, by providing important information at the flood surgeries and drop-in events.

"A lot of these measures, such as debris grills, may seem minor in themselves, but they should have a considerable impact in tackling the problems which compounded the effect of the heavy rainfall which Devon suffered last year.

Quick win schemes

"These schemes should help to protect our communities and make them more resilient against flooding in future."

About the debris grills at Purzebrook, A DCC spokesperson added: "The work is planned to be done before the end of March if possible."

Further Flood Investigation Reports, relating to the more widespread flooding which affected communities around Devon in November and December respectively, are being prepared.

Once complete, these will identify a further series of quick win schemes which will be implemented over the coming year.

World Book Day in Axminster



Reading in their PJs

AXMINSTER Community Primary School pupils brought pyjamas, dressing gown and a favourite bedtime book to share on World Book Day.

They were also asked to write and draw details of their favourite book, with prizes for the best entries.

The school canteen put on a tasty Roald Dahl menu, which included magic fingers and witches' sticks, fantastic Mr Fox, enormous crocodiles and George's marvellous medicine.

AXMINSTER Mayor Andrew Moulding turned book ambassador when visiting Axe Valley Community College to help celebrate World Book Day.

Councillor Moulding explained how important reading is in various aspects of life – and he also took a closer look at two books.

The first book was "Touching The Void" by Joe Simpson, followed by "Who Moved My Cheese" by Dr Spencer Johnson. He generously donated both books to the college library and finished off with a public affairs session by taking questions on his roles as town, district and county councillor.

English teacher Lisa Martin said: "The students were clearly genuinely interested in Councillor Moulding's books."

"He engaged the students well with his interactive style and his talk was a very beneficial addition to our world book day activities."



■ **HOOKED ON BOOKS:** Mayor Andrew Moulding with Jorja Wakelin, Kieren Ostler, Charley Skilton and Emily Manning

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Weekend parking offer: 'You are joking!'

By Anders Larsson
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AXMINSTER business leaders are not impressed by a car parking offer from East Devon District Council (EDDC).

EDDC announced cut price parking deals around the district on Tuesday, March 12th.

The offer applying to Axminster was labelled "Weekend Special", offering motorists to park for £1 from 3pm on any Saturday until 8am the following Monday.

Axminster Chamber of Commerce held its March meeting later that day, and members weren't impressed.

In short, they feel that it is not much of an offer as Sunday parking is free of charge anyway.

Chamber chairman Shane Morgan said: "Sundays are irrelevant, all parking is free on Sundays.

"They are hardly giving us anything.

"If EDDC really wants to help, the offer should kick in no later than 1pm on Saturdays."

He added that the chamber is still "seriously looking" at a double ticketing scheme, which would offer motorists a discount in participating establishments.

Negotiations about this proposal are ongoing with EDDC.

About the Weekend Special, an East Devon District Council spokesman said: "We want to do whatever we can to help local businesses but at the same time we do rely on the money we earn from car parking to provide essential services and keep council tax low.

"With our new offers we risk losing money from ticket sales between 4pm and 6pm on Saturdays.

"Sales figures from previous years tells us that the extra loss of money between 1pm and 4pm would be much more significant and unfortunately we simply can't afford it just now.

"The good news is that this shows the car parks are relatively well used until 4pm on Saturdays and it is our genuine desire that local businesses in Axminster will see the free two hours, marketed as 'stay from 3pm Saturday to 8am Monday for £1', as an opportunity to attract new customers."



■ **RUNNER-UP:** Tara Dare receives her award from Lloyd Griffiths and Dave Roberts (Source for Business)

Tara wins silver in SW tourism awards

A YOUNG Axminster woman added to her trophy cabinet when claiming silver in the South West Tourism Awards 2012-13 (outstanding customer service category).

Tara Dare, of Hedgehog Corner B&B and Cottages at Raymonds Hill, near Axminster, received her silver award at a ceremony at the Eden Project in Cornwall.

She had already won bronze in Devon Tourism Awards in the same category.

Tara, who has been employed at Hedgehog Corner since leaving Exeter College, said: "It's amazing to think that my natural approach and attitude towards the business, the hospitality industry and most importantly our guests has been recognised with such a personal and prestigious award.

"I am absolutely thrilled."

Anne Blackburn of category sponsor The Sidona Group said: "Tara is a star. "An amazing future ahead for such talented and hardworking hospitality professional. Enjoy your success. Well done."

The ceremony saw 61 different awards announced following a rigorous judging process in which more than 300 entries were considered.

Pupils celebrate fairtrade fortnight

PUPILS and staff at St Mary's Primary School in Axminster celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight by having a big brew on Wednesday, March 6th.

Fairtrade products were on sale and the pupils also entertained their guests by singing a few songs.

Monies raised will be sent to Fairtrade to support families in developing countries.

The Fairtrade Foundation promotes sustainable development by "offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalised producers and workers".

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Court drops charges in assault case

THE case against a man charged in connection with an alleged assault near Axminster has been discontinued.

Jason Farrar, aged 37 at the time of the incident, from Liverpool, was charged with grievance bodily harm and a public order offence.

The charges came after an incident at a property in Membury Way, near Axminster, on September 4th last year.

Exeter Crown Court has since heard that no evidence was offered against him by the prosecution.

Judicial proceedings against four other people charged with various offences in connection to the incident are ongoing.

Karisma bingo

LINE and house prizes to include meat hampers and Easter goodies are up for grabs on Thursday, March 28th during a bingo fundraiser in aid of The Karisma Majorettes.

The venue is Axminster Guildhall and it is eyes down at 8pm.

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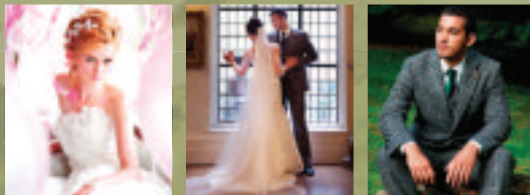
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Beat surgeries

THE Seaton Neighbourhood Beat Team are holding 'Have Your Say' surgeries on Monday, March 25th in The Square, Seaton and Rousdon Village Hall Car Park.

Members of the community are invited to attend and discuss any concerns you may have.

PCSOs Chris Bolsover and Mike McGauley will be available in Seaton between 10am and 11am and in Rousdon between 12noon and 1pm.

In the event of bad weather, the Seaton surgery will be held in the Community Resource Centre, Fore Street, Seaton (a few doors down from the Town Hall).

Play grant

BEER Parish Councillors are celebrating after being awarded a £10,000 grant to improve equipment at the village's Ash Hill Play Park.

After trying to find a way to improve the old and uninspiring equipment currently situated at the play park, councillors have finally reached their funds target thanks to the National Lottery 'Awards For All' scheme.

Together with the £7,500 available from the Section 106 levy funds, the council will now be able to improve the site.

The total of £17,500, plus some voluntary effort to prepare the site and the continued support of East Devon District Council, should ensure that the children will soon have the best play area that can be provided.

Countryfile visits the Wetlands

A GROUP of familiar local faces could be seen on Sunday's episode of BBC's *Countryfile* when the TV programme was filmed at the Axe Estuary and Wetlands.

Members of the Axe Estuary Ringing Group, based at the Axe Valley Wetlands and Estuary, received a visit from BBC presenters

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ters Julia Bradbury and Matt Baker, who paid particular interest to the ringing of shelducks, uniquely captured in 'cannons.'

Leader of the group, Michael Tyler was interviewed by Julia Bradbury on the importance of bird ringing and was pleased that the group and the Axe Valley area could be captured on film.

Other focuses of the BBC filming captured salinity monitoring and control of the Black Hole Marsh lagoon and the construction of the combined Sand Martin Cliff and bat hibernaculum created for wildlife by

local volunteers.

The three stories were thematically linked by the presence of non-biting midges which breed in the lagoon and are a food source for the wildlife on the site.

The story features filming of hibernating bats at Beer Quarry Caves along with background shots of the wildlife and landscapes at the Wetlands.

Doug Rudge from the EDDC Countryside team worked alongside the presenters for the day.

He said: "The *Countryfile* team seemed to thoroughly enjoy their

visit to these very special Wetlands, and we were very pleased to show them the good work that's being done on the site.

"It's not every day we get a visit from such a well known television show.

"With Easter on the way and spring in the – admittedly chilly – air, it's set to be a great few months for nature lovers, walkers and families to come and discover this natural East Devon gem."

For more information on the ringing group, visit <http://axeestuaryringinggroup.blogspot.co.uk/>



CELEBRATING THE WETLANDS | Leader of the Axe Estuary Ringing Group, Michael Tyler, is pictured with BBC *Countryfile* presenters, Julia Bradbury and Matt Baker
Picture by ADRIAN BAYLEY



SPECIAL VISITORS | Members of the Axe Estuary Ringing Group and Axe Estuary Wetland volunteers are pictured with the presenters of *Countryfile*, Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury
Picture by DIANE BERRY

Beer's unmissable month

BEER businesses are giving the local community a boost by clubbing together for 'Beer's unmissable month.'

Local business owners from across the village are offering 10 to 20 per cent discount every Thursday in March to all their visitors to say thank you to the local community and give their businesses a boost during the winter months.

Those involved are: The Spice Merchant, The Anchor Inn, Coco Beau, The Dolphin Hotel, Beer Village Store, Woozie's Deli, Fish and Chip Shop, Bay View Tea Rooms, Beer Pharmacy, Pecorama, Beer Post Office, Jimmy Green Marine, Steamers, Lily Brown, Beer Newsagents and Rock Villa Off Licence.

Owner of Coco Beau, Francesca Dutfield, is just one of the many businesses taking part.

She said: "The businesses in Beer have regular meetings every other week and, after a quiet winter, we were all keen to push Beer's businesses to be ready for the spring.

"Beer is so beautiful and we have so much to offer and so it's a chance to remind people we are open and offer them some discount.

"Times are hard and financially it's a struggle for everyone so it's an excuse for people to visit Beer, explore all the various things on offer, and enjoy a guilt free day out."

MP pops into Beer Youth Hostel

■ YOUTH Hostel workers from Beer received a special visitor, when local MP Neil Parish came to take a tour of the hostel.

The visit, which took place last Friday, gave Mr Parish the chance to see what the youth hostel could offer to the local community, both day and night, as well as the accommodation on offer.

This was the first time the MP had visited the Youth Hostel Association and he was impressed with what was on offer, particularly after seeing the 'Sensory Garden' project.

He said: "The YHA here in Beer is a great opportunity for families, individuals and schools to visit the Jurassic Coast in an affordable way."

Following his tour, the youth hostel workers invited Mr Parish to join in the 'All Parliamentary Group,' so he could stay informed of what was happening with the YHA, and also invited him to join them for the 2013 YHA Day which will take place in September.

Ben Atwell, YHA operations manager, explained how the YHA functions as a charity, enhancing the lives of over one million children, as well as explaining the 'Breaks 4 Kids' initiative which enables children of less fortunate backgrounds to go on school trips with bursaries from the fund.

Mr Atwell commented: "It was

great to welcome Neil Parish to the hostel, and to be able to discuss some of the great work we do as a charity."

Hostel manager Mike Ruiter added: "Introducing new people to the YHA is always great and a MP can make a great impact on the delivery of our charitable objectives."



A SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE LOCAL MP | Beer's YHA staff – Operations Manager, Ben Atwell and Hostel Manager, Mike Ruiter – are joined by local MP Neil Parish for a special visit to explain the work of the YHA

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Colyton Primary goes topsy turvy for charity



CHILDREN at Colyton Primary School went all topsy turvy for Comic Relief this year.

On Friday the children came to school wearing their own clothes back to front, upside-down and inside out, with many also taking on the "do something funny for money" theme and wearing fancy dress and funny wigs.

One pupil made a special effort and raised £60 by hula-hooping four hoops for 10 revolutions during the school assembly.

A cake stall was also set up at the end of the day for parents and children to buy home-made treats.

Colyton Caterpillars also got into the spirit of Red Nose Day and held a "Onesie Wednesday" earlier in the week. Staff and the children spent the day in their favourite bedtime one-pieces.

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Guides mark day of thinking

GIRLS from across Colyton, Seaton and Beer celebrated the Girl Guides' World Thinking Day with a celebratory event at Crossroads, Seaton.

The day welcomed Colyton, Seaton & Beer Rainbows, Colyton & Seaton Brownies, Colyton & Seaton Guides, the local senior section and the many group leaders to celebrate together with a day of activities and fun.

Towns take it in turns to host the event and this year, the Seaton units took charge, with organised games and activities such as crafting ladybirds, making sand water filters and researching into the annual event.

Long-term service awards were also handed out to Seaton Leaders, Tracy Anning and Dawn Squire for ten years of service to the Seaton Rainbows.

World Thinking Day is a day of friendship, advocacy and fundraising for 10 million girl guides with the chance to learn about international groups, take part in fun activities and celebrations and raise money for the World Thinking Day fund.

Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been celebrating World Thinking Day since 1926 and it has been an important fundraising day since 1932.

Pictured are the many local girls lined up for the event during the celebrations.



Supermarket staff given tips on how to help the visually impaired

■ TESCO staff in Seaton were treated to a special training session to increase their awareness of helping the visually impaired around their store.

A handful of staff members were joined by Seaton man, John Barrington Rowell, who shared his experiences of visual impairment to help them understand the needs of visually impaired customers who shop in the store.

Personnel Manager for Seaton Tesco, John Steer, said: "Tesco Seaton was delighted to welcome John to the store for a session on how we can further enhance customers shopping trip who are visually impaired."

"Four of our colleagues attended the session run by John who was able to impart his experiences on how it is to use our store."

"The session has helped our colleagues with a number of hints and tips on ensuring we welcome

everyone to Tesco Seaton.

"We are very thankful to Jon for giving up his time voluntarily, to share his experience and to help us better understand the needs of the visually impaired."

Pictured are the four volunteers

who attended the training session - customer service assistants Anne Marie, Pamela and Georgina, and Tesco Community Champion, Rhoda Snell - alongside John Barrington Rowell who led the session.



Harbour Inn set to reopen Wednesday

by Laura Goldsbury Noy

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THE Harbour Inn at Axmouth is set to reopen after a complete refurbishment and revamp.

Owners, Gary and Toni Valentine, are finally ready to unveil their new vision for the pub, with a complete redesign enhancing the 12th century traditional building, giving their business a new lease of life.

The cosy thatched pub on Church Street is known for its traditional feel, black beams and period features and has now been enhanced with new heritage colour schemes, a light, fresh and airy feel and a state of the art kitchen.

Whilst areas have been stripped out, panelled and carpeted, the traditional features such as the open fires and original beams remain intact, giving the pub a much needed rejuvenation and a modern twist.

The bar has been completely relocated, doubling the size of the room as you enter, and a relaxed style has been implemented with a mixture of new bespoke table and chairs for dining to comfortable zones for visitors who just want a coffee and a biscuit.

Adding to the different zones in the pub, a new 'Captain's Room' will be available to hire and has been created for parties, meetings and functions, with a giant specially created table set to seat 20 people.

Quirky props such as golden clad mirrors, paddles round every corner reflecting the pub's new logo and a typewriter to hold on to the menus are also set to bring the pub alive.

The couple have always had a flair for interior design and an eye for

special touches, with their company, G&T Interiors, influencing much of the new design for The Harbour Inn.

The company is set to have a small outlet at the pub, selling one off quirky pieces and items inspired by the couple's travels during expeditions abroad.

Alongside the refurbishment, The Harbour at Axmouth has a brand new contemporary menu which is divided into themes - a New York 'On the Streets' section inspired by a recent trip to the city, 'From the Sea' and 'Two for One' deals.

'Naughty treats' are also playing a big role, with a brand new sweets menu, packed full of retro desserts such as chocolate brownie with all the trimmings, complete with chocolate milkshake which comes in a miniature glass milk bottle with a straw.

The pub's new 'Breakfast Club' also hopes to welcome people to enjoy a full English breakfast, seven days a week, from 9am until 11:30am.

Gary and Toni are looking forward to welcoming everyone to The Harbour at Axmouth and for people to see the work finally finished.

Mr Valentine said: "Toni and I are very much looking forward to opening and to showing the local community and all our customers the new look for The Harbour at Axmouth."

"We have all worked hard to en-

sure the vision can keep every bit of the pub's character and enhance its 12th century features, whilst giving it a contemporary new look.

"We have tried to make sure that there is something for everyone, from our Captain's Room for parties and meetings, to our relaxed zone and dining area and a dog friendly bar."

"We have also created our own wedding package for just £999 where we have a complete plan including a three course wedding breakfast for up to 50 people for couples who want the perfect day without spending thousands of pounds."

"We are particularly excited about our new menu which we feel has something for all kinds of customers, and are looking forward particularly to implementing our new New York inspired section in tribute to our visit there."

"Whilst being competitively priced, we are still aiming to bring a high level of quality and customer service and are excited to show off the new changes."

"We have really pushed to create something where The Harbour at Axmouth is the super kind of pub it needs to be and look forward to welcoming everyone when we open on Wednesday."

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Mole Avon Town & Country Stores

The Axminster branch of Mole Avon Town & Country Stores is celebrating the completion of its new-look store.

Staff at the branch, in Station Yard, are pleased that the last phase of redevelopment is now com-

plete, and to mark the occasion there will be a **2-day celebration** in store on **Thursday 28th & Good Friday 29th March**. There will be **10% off** products plus refreshments on both days.

The event will be supported by trade and will

feature key brands including Toggi, NAF, Horsehage, Mollichaff, Hotline, John Arthur Bowers and Nettex.

The 10% off is available on all products* in store and includes those already on offer; great deals are available on big brand household cleaning & decorating, gardening, pet & bird, clothing & footwear, plus all you need for the home, farm and family.

There will be a hanging basket workshop on Thursday offering advice and demonstrations – buy a mix of hanging basket plants to the value of £15.00 and have them planted in a 14" basket worth £4.99 for free. Hurry though; this offer is only available on the day whilst stocks last!

Riding hat fitting is also available on Thursday with leading hat manufacturer Champion and the spring/summer range of Toggi clothing and footwear will also be launched alongside a prize draw.

"This event is both a celebration of our new-look store and to say a big thank you to our customers who have been very understanding during the building work," says Rosie Herrod, Axminster Branch Store Manager. "We look forward to both existing and new customers joining us in our celebration next week."

The new design has greatly improved the appearance of the building with the addition of a new entrance and glazed roof section for the garden area giving extra space for product displays. A dedicated enquiries counter, enhanced agri sales service area, a separate animal medicines

advice area for farm and pet products along with a new till layout are among the improvements which will greatly help in making any shop at Mole Avon a much more pleasant experience.

The main renovation work was undertaken by local contractors and included E Dayment Construction Ltd of Colyton, Sparkbrights Ltd from Lyme Regis, JKS Flooring from Honiton, Pipes Heating and Plumbing from Axminster, WWD Ltd from Exeter and RT Farm & Industrial Buildings Ltd from Newton Abbot.

"We were keen to use local contractors to carry out the redevelopment work at our Axminster branch," says Steven Broom, Mole Avon's Store Development Manager, "Our store is for local people, and we wanted to support local businesses wherever possible. The feedback so far has been fantastic with customers enjoying the





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Country Stores is doing so well in these trying economic times", says Richard Billson, Mole Avon Chief Executive, "It is great to be able to

highlight a local business success story for Axminster, especially in light of the recent sad news about our neighbour Axminster Carpets. This is a big celebratory year for us as we mark 40 years as a limited company. We thank our customers for their support and loyalty throughout the years and look forward to the next 40 years!"

To celebrate its 40th anniversary Mole Avon has launched its Ruby Appeal, which aims to raise £40,000 for local charity Hospiscare during 2013. The money will be raised through a series of fundraising events planned throughout the year which will include a sky dive, the Hospiscare Ladies Starlight Walk plus events at Mole Avon's branches and within their local communities. There will be a cake sale and tombola in store on Good Friday and Easter Saturday, the proceeds of which will go to towards the Mole Avon Ruby Anniversary Appeal.

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European teachers visit Hawkchurch Kilmingington school named 'outstanding' by inspector



■ **WELCOMING VISITORS:** Children and staff from Hawkchurch primary School welcomed teachers from seven European countries

HAWKCHURCH Primary School was visited by a group of about 30 teachers from seven different European countries on Friday.

The teachers were taking part in the Comenius Project, a EU funded arts project for schools.

They arrived in Exeter on Thursday for a conference before visiting Hawkchurch on Friday, where they were

able to view students' artwork and speak to the children.

The visitors then enjoyed a pub lunch and skittles at the Old Inn, followed by a service at St John the Baptist Church and a cream tea at the village hall, before returning to Exeter.

■ **WORLD Book Day** was celebrated in style at Shute Community Primary School, with distinctive costumes and special visitor.

Classes dressed in accordance with what they had been studying, including African animals and tribes people and evacuees from WWII.

The children were treated to a visit from author T.M. Alexander, creator of the "Tribes" series of books, who talked about the process of bringing

a tale to life before helping the pupils make up a story of their own.

Headteacher Amanda Graham said: "The day provided a wonderful opportunity for children to really think about what's behind a book – the fun as well as the hard work – while celebrating some of the subjects they've been learning about with their wonderful costumes."

Pictured right, Tara Magrane and Elouisa Shepherd in costume.



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KILMINGINGTON Primary School had reason to celebrate after its overall effectiveness was graded Outstanding by Ofsted.

The school underwent inspection in February and achievement of pupils; quality of teaching; behaviour and safety of pupils plus leadership and management were also graded Outstanding, the highest grade available on a four-step scale used by inspectors.

Part of Ofsted inspector Paul Sadler's report said: "Teachers have very high expectations of their pupils."

"They use assessment very well to plan tasks that are exceptionally well matched to the diverse needs of their pupils."

"Tasks interest and motivate pupils, and the skills of teaching assistants and other additional adults are used very effectively to ensure that all pupils make the best possible progress. Leaders."

"Leaders and managers are very effective in managing the performance of staff and ensuring that teaching is of consistently high quality."

"Any potential weaknesses, such as in the writing of pupils in Year 2, are quickly spotted and tackled."

The only remark was about the size of some classrooms, the report saying: "To ensure that the cramped nature of some classrooms never causes learning to slow by: planning the use of all of the school's accommodation so that it is always used as effectively as possible to reduce overcrowding in classrooms."

Headteacher Malcolm Bettison was delighted with the report and said: "This is a wonderful result and testament to the hard work and commitment of my staff, the behaviour and achievement of pupils and the support we receive as part of the Axe Beacon Federation."

Red Nose Day in the villages



■ **THE children and staff of St Andrew's Primary Chardstock** came to school with wonderful hair creations for Red Nose Day



■ **CHILDREN from Musbury Moles** raised £100 for Comic Relief. The youngsters held a sponsored wear red day and painted their noses red for the fundraising day.

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Pulman's View

from the

churches

With NIGEL SPELLER

FR. MICHAEL Koppel at Axminster writes: Many people will know Professor Eamon Duffy's recent book 'Ten Popes who Shook the World'.

Well, now we have another: Benedict XVI, whose resignation took everyone by surprise. But with hindsight, one can only pay tribute to a courageous and far-sighted decision.

And to a distinguished, if comparatively short, pontificate. For Benedict XVI achieved a great deal in just under eight years.

We in Britain will always remember the papal visit of 2010, which proved a tremendous success and was an inspiration for countless people – not only Catholics but also Christians of many other traditions.

We hope that people will recall the Pope's message and that there will be an appreciation of the vital contribution our Christian faith has to make to the life of contemporary society.

We wish Pope Benedict every blessing in retirement, but now we look forward. At the time of writing, few things can be predicted, but here are two of them. He will have a very full in-tray. And he will need the support of our prayers. *Fr. Michael*

As we go to press election news of Pope Jorge Mario Bergoglio from Argentina has arrived. He is the first Latin American to lead the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the first Jesuit.

Pundits did not see him as a favourite for the job of succeeding Benedict XVI at his advanced age of 76, but he appeals to both Church conservatives and reformers, being

seen as orthodox on sexual matters, for instance, but liberal on social justice, with a humble lifestyle.

Shortly we'll hear of the crowds who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

A few days later, the crowds were uttering equally fanatical cries of 'Let him be crucified'. And, saddest of all, one man's disloyalty summed up everyone else's - At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will disown me three times.' And he went out and wept.

There is a special prayer for Devon's Anglican churches in the wake of the hundreds of job losses caused by the collapse of Axminster Carpets and the churches are working in support of local needs.

On the evening of Palm Sunday there will be a liturgy of readings and music for Passiontide and Holy Week, in the Minster Church at Axminster. The singing will be led by the newly formed Axminster Chamber choir. The service begins at 5pm. All are invited to support this addition to our observance of Holy Week, as we mark our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his journey to the cross.

And from the major super stores comes news that this year they will stock Easter eggs with a true Easter message on them after requests from bishops.

Members of one of the Exeter Diocese overseas links – The Melanesians – will be in West Devon from April 7th to 14th – enquiries on 0845 6081311.

FRANCESCA Dufield lives in Beer with her partner, Martin Adkin. Owner of ladies clothing boutique, Coco Beau, on the village high street, Francesca brings the perfect shopping solution for women and children with a young and fresh looking store selling smart casual, good quality clothing. Francesca is just one of the many Beer business holders that is taking part in 'Beer's Unmissable Month' – where every Thursday in March, Beer businesses are offering a special discount.

● WHERE did the idea for 'Beer's Unmissable Month' come from?

The businesses in Beer have regular meetings every other week and after a quiet winter, we were all keen to push Beer's businesses ready for the spring. Beer is so beautiful and we have so much to offer and so it's a chance to remind people we are open and offer them some discount. There was a time when many businesses closed for the winter, but now around 90 per cent are open. Times are hard and financially it's a struggle for everyone, so it's an excuse for people to visit Beer, explore all the various things on offer, and enjoy a guilt free day out.

● WHO is taking part in the initiative?

There is a long list of Beer businesses taking part from restaurants and pubs to shops and boutiques. Those involved are: The Spice Merchant, The Anchor Inn, Coco Beau, The Dolphin Hotel, Beer Village Store, Woozie's Deli, Fish and Chip Shop, Bay View Tea Rooms, Beer Pharmacy, Pecorama, Beer Post Office, Jimmy Green Marine, Steamers, Lily Brown, Beer Newsagents and Rock Villa Off Licence.

● WHAT is being offered?

Businesses across the village are offering a discount of ten to twenty per cent off every Thursday throughout March. The discounts vary and depend on products but each business is offering something special to their customers.

● DO you think it is important for the local community to come together for events such as this?

Yes – I think it is incredibly important. The people in the village keep their local businesses going and the local support is amazing. It is not only good to be able to offer discount to visitors and new customers, but also to give back to the local community and to give discount to our regulars. If the local community don't support local businesses, they just cannot survive, so the initiative also gives us a way of saying thank you.

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● WHAT do you enjoy most about having a business in Beer?

For me, Beer is one of the prettiest villages I have ever seen and it is lovely to be able to live here. So to have a business in Beer is a real bonus.

● HOW has the response been to the 'unmissable month' and do you think something similar could happen again in the future?

The response to the initiative has been great and we have had lots of people coming over since hearing about the discounts on offer. From April to September it is our busiest season for business, but we would definitely like to be able to do something similar again during the winter months.

● WHAT would you like to see improved in the local area?

I'd like to see cheaper car parking rates – for such a small village, the parking really is too expensive. Other than that, Beer is wonderful. Once people come here, they tend to come back again because it is so quaint, beautiful and unspoilt.

● IF YOU could hold the ideal dinner party, what three guests would you invite?

I would like Dawn French and Jonathon Ross for good humour and fun on the night and The Queen!

● IF YOU were stranded on a desert island and could pick three items of food to survive on, what would they be?

Cheese, Carr's table water crackers with pâté and some gin to make it bearable!

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Rotarian receives special medal for exceptional service to club

THE annual President's Night of Axminster Rotary Club was held at The Ridgeway Inn on Saturday, March 2nd. President Malcolm Reynolds, his wife Eileen and their family, hosted dinner and a lively social evening for about 80 members.

Members of Sidmouth and Lyme Regis Rotary Clubs joined Axminster for the evening, and all joined in applause when President Malcolm presented past President David Guy, treasurer of the Axminster club, with the Paul Harris Fellow Medal for exceptional and distinguished service to Rotary (pictured right). LIFE-saving heart defibrillators were on the menu at the weekly Rotary Club of Axminster lunch on Friday, February 22nd.

Rotarian past President Martin King, a retired St John Ambulance Brigade Chief Commissioner, demonstrated the latest battery-powered heart starting machine to fellow members.

The Rotary Club recently discussed the idea to encourage a community-wide approach to the purchase of more machines through the East Devon area, members were shown a demonstration of the practical skills of saving life by Martin.

A heart defibrillator will help restore the natural rhythm of the heart when a person is experiencing dangerous arrhythmia or cardiac arrest.

The heart has a natural defibrillator built in that acts much the way a pacemaker does, but as we age it can



quit functioning properly.

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Traveller returns to speak at Probus Club

SEATON and District Men's Probus Club welcomed guest speaker George Williams to their last meeting.

Mr Williams returned to tell members about for the final leg of his travels on foot around the UK, accompanied for the most part by his faithful dog, Jack.

He described his journey from Carlisle down the north-west coast, around Wales, Devon and Cornwall.

Having started his walk 292 days earlier at Topsham, Mr Williams ended it with a triumphal entrance to Exeter in the middle of December.

His encounters on this section of his walk included

near burial in sand dunes near Maryport, and a ghostly encounter with the Beast of Exmoor.

The next meeting will be at 10am on Wednesday, March 20th when Ewart Walker will be talking on the Life and Times of Captain Cook.

The club has regular meetings with speakers between October and April at St Gregory's Church Hall in Seaton. Members enjoy the opportunity to take part in outings and other events throughout the year.

Those interested in joining should contact Keith West on 01297 624374.

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In the Cullompton area there has recently been a confirmed case of Leptospirosis. This is a disease which can spread to humans. It affects the liver and kidneys and can lead to long term liver disease, or in some cases may be fatal. There have also been confirmed cases in the local area of Parvovirus. This can cause vomiting and/or diarrhoea and rapid dehydration. Without prompt treatment, the disease is fatal.

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Chairman agrees to stand for 10th year with Devonshire Association

A UNANIMOUS and heartfelt vote of thanks, at the annual general meeting of the Devonshire Association's Axe Valley branch, was gratefully received by Dr David Westlake as he agreed to serve a tenth year as hands-on chairman.

He presented an upbeat report of the 2012-13 season recording a slightly increasing membership. Plus an unprecedented influx, at the monthly talks, of visitors interested in particular topics within the agenda designed "for the advancement of science, literature and the arts".

Dr Westlake said that such visitors were always welcome. It was they who made the whole programme of events financially viable. At the same time he tried to persuade them to become members of the association. He was happy to accept main responsibility for setting up and pre-publicising talks but also asked for volunteers to join the branch committee.

Re-elected were secretary Mrs Kathryn Gray, treasurer Dr Michael Barr and reporter Sean Day-Lewis.

A slideshow was given on "Historical Exeter". As an experienced and fluent "Red Guide" in the city, lecturer Tony Burges was more than qualified to talk

about the city then and now. As an old boy of the now closed Allhallows School, Rousdon, he was also able to extend his view into East Devon.

He began with the Celtic tribe of the Doniorum, who held most of what is now Devon until the Romans marched in to build Exeter up as a walled garrison town. Roman withdrawal led to Anglo Saxon rule and the Christian monastic centre responsible for the education of Crediton's St Boniface - he who led the conversion of the Netherlands and northern Germany. So on to the Norman period which replaced the small Saxon cathedral with the much larger building still dominating today.

Burges took the story through the middle ages to the 1942 Nazi blitz and the developments since. He paid due tribute to the contribution over the centuries of Beer and Salcombe Regis stone.

And in dealing with the cathedral vandalism and desecration by Oliver Cromwell and his troops he pointed out that the Axe Valley area also suffered. The murals covering the walls of the Saxon church at Compyne, which would have brought visitors today from far and wide, were lost for ever behind Cromwellian whitewash.

Honiton artists pick up their pastels

MEMBERS and visitors of Honiton Art Society were inspired to pick up their pastels when Norman Rossiter gave a demonstration of "Landscape in Pastel", producing not one, but two paintings with time to spare.

Norman, a professional wildlife and countryside artist, had an early career in design before becoming a full time artist in 1986, later specialising in wildlife and countryside subjects. Working mainly in acrylic and pastel, he is known for the photo realism of his paintings.

For his demonstration Norman used Colourfix paper, which can take many layers of pastel without the need for fixatives and corrections are easy using a bristle brush.

Working fast, after loosely sketching the subject, he blocked in the basic colours using Sennelier or Unison soft pastels, blending where necessary. When this under painting was finished, he continued building up the layers using medium pastels and pastel pencils for the detail. Norman favours Pitt Pastel Pencils as these do not break when sharpening. One of his favourite colours is Portrait Pink, which he would never use for

portraits but mixes to make beautiful greys.

Norman advised members never to give up on a painting if not happy with it but to carry on.

Having completed two vibrant pastel paintings there was still time for Normans "party piece", showing members how to draw the basic shape of a bird's body from the shape of their eggs.

● Members of Honiton Art Society who took their pictures to the recent critique received constructive and sympathetic advice from artist and tutor, Gahan Oliver, who gave each picture careful consideration.

Gahan reminded members that the primary, secondary and tertiary colours are flat and need the addition of their complementary colours to give them life and form; also the use of too much white in our mixes could produce dull, flat results. This may be rectified in oil or acrylic paintings by the application of very thin glazes of an appropriate colour.

The next meeting of the society is at Awliscombe Village Hall on Monday, April 8th, 2pm to 4pm where Melanie Cambridge will be giving a demonstration of "Painting in Mixed Media". All welcome.

Seaton Society visited by impressionist

THE monthly talk and art demonstration to members of Seaton & District Art Society was given by Marilyn Allis.

Marilyn, winner of many awards, is well known for her impressionistic style in water colour as well as in acrylic ink and mixed media.

She and her husband hold workshops on cruise liners and in her home county Dorset.

Following a warm welcome from the chairman, Anna Mason, and members of the society, Marilyn showed the audience how to capture movement and action using few brush strokes and lots of light and shadow. She worked quickly and in two hours did two paintings, one of Southampton street musicians and one of Venice.

By using tonal value in her paintings Marilyn created

a sense of 3D and mood. By letting colour run a little Marilyn equally inspired movement, as in the feet of one of the street musicians in her demonstration painting.

A title of one of her books on display entitled "People are Scary" teaches how to draw figures with minimum detail but still be effective. Marilyn's loose style in her paintings of animals is both amusing and tender.

A vote of thanks was given by the chairman.

Next month's talk will be by Christine Russell, who at members' request will be returning to demonstrate "Still Life & Flowers in oils with Knife" on April 8th at 2pm at the Seaton Town Hall.

Visitors are welcome to attend for a small fee of £3. Tea and biscuits will be served during the interval.

West Country Embroiderers learn new skills

ANN Holden was the latest tutor for the West Country Embroiderers in Ottery St Mary.

Ann showed the members how to make little roundels and squares of colour by stuffing bubble wrap bubbles with snippets of material, thread, beads and sequins.

These were then flattened and could be incorporated in pictures or cards. The results were very pleasing and it was a good way to get rid of some of the 'bits' from

other sewing work.

Next month Zoe Hughes will be demonstrating collograph backgrounds using painted material and embroidery.

The group meets at The Institute, Ottery St Mary on the first Monday of the month from 10.30am until 3.30pm. If you are interested in joining the needlework group and would like more information, please contact Pat Snelling on 01404 812651.

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The 'smell of a stitch-up' surrounds town council

■ I WAS saddened at the news of the boycott by the majority of councillors at the extraordinary council meeting of Seaton Town Council.

This special meeting was called by two councillors to discuss the murky affair surrounding the departure of the last town clerk. Because of the boycott, there was no meeting as the minority of councillors who believe in the democratic process could not secure a quorum.

I have been told by one of the three councillors who did attend that the chairman of the council, Peter Burrows, was even present in the building at the time of the meeting but chose not to attend. If this is so, then it seems nothing more than an arrogant and wilful sneer at the ordinary people of Seaton.

Perhaps Councillor Burrows and the rest of the councillors might care to explain their motives for the boycott. Otherwise, we seem to have nothing less than political manoeuvring of the sleaziest form.

I also understand that before the meeting Councillor Burrows spoke to two councillors requesting them not to attend the meeting. Councillor Burrows may like to comment on the accuracy of this information, and if true, perhaps he could explain his action.

Let us review the situation.

The last town clerk was forced out and paid off by three members of the Personnel Committee in a series of irregular meetings apparently timed to ensure that the remaining two committee members (Councillor Pigott and Meakin) were unable to attend. If not for the courageous and principled revelations of ex-councillor Jim Pigott, this would still be under

wraps. Consequently Councillor Pigott resigns from the Council, and Councillor Meakin from the Personnel Committee.

Having disposed of the town clerk, the three remaining Personnel Committee members get the council to leave the two vacancies unfilled until new councillors are elected, meanwhile leaving the three to undertake the selection of the new clerk. This motion was proposed by the chairman of the Personnel Committee and seconded by one of the other two. Am I alone in smelling a stitch-up here?

Councillor Burrows has privately ensured me that there was no sinister motive in this, but this was before the fiasco of the extraordinary council meeting, and before he refused to accept two agenda items submitted by Councillor Semple, which would have increased the size of the personnel committee. Is it any wonder that I now find myself doubting his sincerity?

My main concern, however, is the rule-book shenanigans to ensure that the minority of councillors such as Councillors Semple and Palacio are being denied an opportunity to put their case. Councillor Burrows might reflect that when he and I were both on the council, and he was often a lone voice, on more than one occasion I seconded his proposals, not because I agreed with them, but because without a seconder, he would have been unable to explain and publicise his reasoning at the council meeting.

I did so because I believed in the democratic process and open government.. it is a shame he does not.

GRAHAM JONES BEYROUT
(by email)

Thanks to Grizzly organisers

■ AS a volunteer helper with the Seaton scouts group, it was my pleasure to help distribute the coveted Grizzly T-shirts to hundreds of weary, muddy and totally satisfied runners at the end of their 20-mile run through the East Devon scenery.

It was therefore extremely rewarding to hear so many runners praise the organisers, marshals and town folk for their superb organising of this annual event and the support they received.

Indeed, I lost count of the times runners asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone involved with this great event and asset to Seaton and district.

The praise was unsolicited and from the heart, and

me being a proud resident of Seaton, wanted you all to know that we can put on a cracking show!

So, for all you marshals who spent Sunday in sub-zero temperatures and persistent sleet, a massive thanks to you for everything you did. To the folk from Axe Valley Runner, a huge thanks for organising another successful Grizzly and to all the support teams, entertainment, drink stations and spectators, raise a glass and let's look forward to a hot and sunny Grizfest 2014.

ANDREW RODGER
Couchill Lane, Seaton

Those who publicly express views should not 'hide behind anonymity'

■ THE letter "Naive attack..." (*Pulman's View From*, March 5th) by "Name and address supplied" criticised Timothy Whitehead's letter of the previous week regarding Cloakham Lawns.

Whether Mr Whitehead was right or wrong he still had the conviction to put his name to his letter, as did Steve Holt in his excellent letter regarding Axminster Hospital.

Surely if a person has a strong enough desire to ex-

press their views to the public they should not then hide behind the anonymity of "Name and address supplied."

No doubt it is part of the newspapers creed to allow people to express their views anonymously to the general public, what a pity.

D.J. Sturch
(by email)

Searching for old friends in East Devon

■ I DO hope you or your lovely readers will be able to help me.

My family and I were stationed with the Army (my dad was with the Devon and Dorset Regiment) in Honiton between 1961 and 1964.

I made some super friends but sadly had to return to Yorkshire. After writing to friends for a while, sadly we lost touch.

I would dearly love to trace two of my special

friends who lived at the following addresses:

Kathy Roberts, 202 High Street, Honiton and Angela Roberts, 12 Foxhill, Axminster.

I would love to hear from anyone who has any information on the above, or anyone who remember me?

My maiden name was Susan Burgoyne.

SUE WAITES
(nee Burgoyne)

'Never want to go to Wonford'

■ I DON'T ever want to go to Wonford Hospital anymore.

The food was terrible, they wouldn't help me with walking, when I was released it was nighttime, raining. I'm 80 year of age.

I had no shoes or socks on yet but they put me out at night. They told me I had to pay my own fare home or walk. I've a pair of very bad legs, swollen up. How was I going to get home.

I then phoned a neighbour and she paid the taxi fare

home for me - £50 - or I would have had to walk 18 miles home.

I've had three strokes and can hardly walk, I'm on oxygen most of them time.

I've been in Taunton Hospital with a stroke and Axminster Hospital with two strokes.

So much for the NHS, Mr Cameron.

MR G. SEAMAN,
Axminster

Thanks for help during accident

■ THROUGH your paper please may we thank the three young men who stopped and gave assistance when my husband tripped and fell heavily onto the pavement in King Edward Road, Axminster?

They not only summoned medical help but provided a great deal of paper towels to staunch the flow.

We'd also like to thank the lady in the nearest house for the use of her chair and moral support.

Despite a black eye to beat all black eyes and a long night at A&E Wonford, things do seem to be improving.

ANN AND CHRIS SCOTT,
Colyton

Well done to Colyton Cancer Research ladies

■ WE should all say a big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who gave 400 people a superb breakfast in Colyton and raised an amazing £3,000 for Cancer Research.

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Having a young daughter fighting cancer I know how important money for cancer research is.

I for one will be back to buy those delicious sausages from Colyford Butchers.

Well done Colyton!

RITA TAYLOR
Pooles Wharf Court, Bristol

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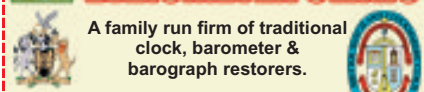
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FAY HIELD AND THE HURRICANE PARTY PLAY THE PHOENIX

FAY Hield is a singer who seems to have been born knowing how to carry a tune but with the rarer gift of knowing how to go straight to the heart of a song. Her debut solo album 'Looking Glass', was released in September 2010 by prestigious folk label, Topic Records and quickly earned Fay many accolades as well as a nomination for the Horizon Award at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Fay's second album, 'Orfeo', was released in May 2012, again on Topic Records and has gained rave reviews in the press and plenty of airplay across the UK and beyond.

'Orfeo' features 11 superbly arranged traditional songs, including lead track, 'Sir Orfeo', based on a 13th Century retelling of the epic supernatural Greek fable, Orpheus and Eurydice. Fay's gift for unearthing rare and interesting material is well represented throughout, including the obscure but beguiling nursery rhyme

'Naughty Baby' and the feisty Lancashire mill-girl tour-de-force 'The Old 'Arris

Mill'. An Anne Briggs inspired version of 'The Cuckoo' is included. In folklore, the bird's call is often used as a signal heralding spring and the number of times it is heard during the season is said to translate into the number of years until a death or a marriage. The delightfully named 'Tarry Trousers', is a song Fay discovered through singer, Frankie Armstrong, but which was also well known by Dickens (and quoted in his novel, Dombey and Son). 'Wicked Serpent' meanwhile, originates from the US and is based on an incident relating to the unfortunate Timothy Myrick of Springfield Mountain when he died after having been bitten by a rattlesnake one August.

The focus of the first album was Fay's rich and unadorned voice. While Orfeo finds her once again exploring lesser known traditional songs, this time, the

new recordings also see Fay confidently fronting a stellar supporting cast; The Hurricane Party. Consisting of some of the finest folk musicians working today The Hurricane Party features; Andy Cutting (button accordions, melodeon), Rob Harbron (English Concertina, fiddle, vocals), Sam Sweeney (fiddle, viola, cello, nyckelharpa, vocals) and Jon Boden (fiddle, guitar, percussion, double bass, mandolin, additional banjo and vocals) plus special guest Martin Simpson (banjo, guitar).

Alongside her burgeoning performing career, Fay is also an academic, lecturing in Ethnomusicology at the University of Sheffield. Her PhD thesis 'English Folk Singing and the Construction of Community' was completed in 2010 and she is currently consultant for the 'Music Communities' research project at the University of Manchester. Fay also guest lectures at other educational establishments,

including the Leeds College of Music. Fay and her partner, Bellowhead front man

Jon Boden, also find time to run two folk clubs – Royal Traditions (in their local village of Dungworth) and Bright Phoebus (Sheffield).

'Orfeo' is an album of songs to which Fay feels an especially strong connection. Her choice of material and the delivery of it, reflect a rare sensitivity and appreciation

of the tradition whilst remaining naturalistic and highly distinctive. Fay Hield & The Hurricane Party will appear at a range of key festivals throughout the summer of 2013 after undertaking a March UK tour which sees them perform at Exeter Phoenix on Wednesday, March 27th. Tickets cost £12/£10 and are available online at www.exeterphoenix.org.uk or by calling 01392 667080. Performance starts at 8pm.

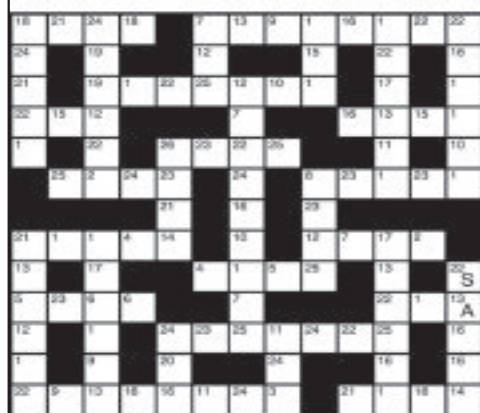


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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

W K N Z C R I G P H Q T M
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Foll some of the peerage (4)
8. Early form of rock music! (6,4)
9. A glass ship (8)
10. Cars go round the curves (4)
12. Cat in whisky? (6)
14. His map is transformed by accident (6)
15. Slightly exaggerate an account and blush (8)
17. Stand at one over the eight, we hear. Gracious! (6)
18. It's used to make a toast in wine (4)
19. Authorise mother to come back first, that's agreeable (8)
21. Will he cure plane-sickness? (4-6)
22. The advantage that being sharp gives one? (4)

Down

2. Precious little company inside for the prematurely forward (10)
3. Make a sound come-back in a speech original in content (4)
4. Start off with a meal outside (6)
5. It rouses after the manner of strong spirit (6)
6. It's criminal to take a couple of flocks in (8)
7. A wise man changes as he grows older (4)
11. A baby substitute (10)
13. A double-crosser with more than one sort of merit (3-5)
16. Nothing illogical about a boy (6)
17. An artist has to draw it to live! (6)
18. Workers that supply most of our wants (4)
20. Measure about a hundred to start with (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Stumble (4)
8. Hatful (10)
9. Lively (8)
10. Way out (4)
12. Infrequent (6)
14. Not liable (6)
15. Tarry (6)
17. Habit (6)
18. Inform (4)
19. Almanac (6)
21. Deal out (10)
22. Profound (4)

Down

2. Relative (10)
3. Couple (4)
4. Glass vessel (6)
5. Centre (8)
6. Lax (6)
7. Despatched (4)
11. Unlikely (10)
13. Control (8)
16. Shrink back (6)
17. Hue (6)
18. Neat (4)
20. Want (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Fault; 8 Project; 9 Embargo; 10 Sort; 12 Agreements; 15 Romancers; 16 Sorts; 19 Mansion; 21 Willing; 22 Ledge.
Down: 1 Afterwards; 2 Butts; 3 Sir; 4 Oppose; 5 Consumer; 6 Herring; 11 Fishmonger; 13 Gainsaid; 14 Emerald; 16 Damage; 17 Finder; 20 Nils.
QUICK - Across: 7 Curve; 8 Trolley; 9 Indulge; 10 Elver; 12 Aristocrat; 15 Triviality; 18 Label; 19 Templer; 21 Control; 22 Dead. Down: 1 Occident; 2 Grade; 3 Wall; 4 Stress; 5 Foremost; 6 Slavery; 11 Retrograde; 13 Rally; 14 Disband; 16 Litter; 17 Steer; 20 Mode.

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TSG gave James his first platform to write and perform with other musicians and when spotted by singer Jason Mraz, James and the band were invited to support him on tours in the UK, Europe and the US. James duetted with Jason on "Tomorrow", a track that he had specifically written for them to sing together, and during the bands time on the road they also opened for the likes of Bruno Mars, Ben Howard and Newton Faulkner.

As the main songwriter with Two Spot Gobi, and with vocals that have been described as "assured", "enticing" and "all the more powerful live" (Music Week), James has always had the ability to create an immediate emotional relationship with his audience. At the beginning of 2012, he started working on material that more closely represents his distinctive musical style and ability to connect personally with people.

His new live show features an energetic four-piece band bringing together an eclectic mix of heavy soul and upbeat pop, laced with honest reality in true singer/songwriter style.

With his new EP "Ropes" James showcases a darker, more intimate listening experience, with strong melodies accompanied by raw and honest lyrics. Citing influences such as Ray Lamontagne, James Blake, Adele and Sting, "Ropes" is a captivating collection of beautifully crafted songs, which engage through their challenging yet addictive quality.

Produced by Max Gilkes (Lily Allen, Roots Manuva, Fink) in Brighton, "Ropes" is on iTunes, Spotify and as a limited edition physical CD from his official website at www.jamesrobinson-music.com

James Robinson plays at Mama Stone's, Exeter this Thursday, March 21st. Tickets cost £3, and are available online at www.mamastones.com or by calling 01392 848485. Doors open 6pm.



Discos, comedy, live bands and more planned at Cranberries this year

CRANBERRIES' Adele tribute evening on the March 2nd was a huge success, a great time was had by all, and they raised over £500 for the Axminster Skate Park appeal in memory of Tom Chubb. Eve Chubb, Tom's mother, came and collected the cheque last week from Steve Littley. Cranberries will continue to support this local and worthy cause.

As well as a stunning performance by Jennifer Giles as Adele, guests were entertained by an up close magician, dancing and the unforgettable display of "Gangnam Style" dancing by Steve Littley and the Rev. Alistair McCollum, thank to them for being good sports and adding to the Skate Park coffers.

More events are planned for 2013 at Cranberries, these will include a Comedy night, 70s disco, live bands and much more.

Cranberries staff are looking for inspiration for future events and would love to hear from readers of the *Pulman's View* from. Please email info@cranberrieshideaway.co.uk with what you would love to see. If you would like to know more about hosting an event at Cranberries get in touch.

Cranberries luxury Holiday Hideaway is situated on the Devon / Dorset border within Hills Farm in a peaceful and secluded corner of East Devon; it is nestled high on the hill, overlooking the picturesque Axe Valley with views of the World Heritage Site known as The Jurassic Coast

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To discuss your requirements or to discover more on Cranberries please call or email Steve or Verity on 01297 33193 or email info@cranberrieshideaway.co.uk. Follow Cranberries on Twitter: @CranberriesH and find them on Facebook by searching 'Cranberries Hideaway'.

Sidmouth artist's exhibition at Fairwater Head Hotel

SIDMOUTH-BASED artist Flavell Bevan is holding an exhibition of her work at Fairwater Head Hotel in Hawkchurch, near Axminster.

The exhibition runs until Wednesday, April 17th and the hotel has created a special room where her work

is being displayed.

Flavell's work is currently concentrating on seascapes and beach life, much of which uses local scenes and views. She specialises in drawing and working with pastels.

Viewing the exhibition is free and no tickets are necessary.

Easter Fun at Seaton Tramway

SEATON Tramway, the unique heritage tramway and tourist attraction in the Heart of Lyme Bay, is offering a variety of exciting opportunities to the travelling public over the Easter period Friday, March 29th to Monday, April 1st 2013.

For Children we ask them to make sure that their parents ask for a copy of the Easter Activity sheet for each one of them when buying tickets. This is the key to them joining in the Easter fun. If coming to the Tramway on Easter Monday, try and spot the April Fool!

For adults on Easter Monday we are making our popular Driver's Eye Experience available all day at Colyton Station. This will be the chance for budding tram drivers to get their hands on the controls. Together with your Driving Instructor, drive one of our trams from Colyton Station to Colyford and back for only £25.00 per person, which includes a souvenir certificate. If you are bringing your own passengers they can travel with you for £6.50 per person. As this is a popular activity, please pre-book in advance on 01297 20375 to avoid disappointment. Why not round off the enjoyment with lunch or a Devon

Cream Tea in the Tramstop Café at Colyton to complete the day?

Don't forget that on whichever day you come, all visitors now receive 'Explorer' tickets, which provide all day unlimited travel. Passengers can make as many journeys as they wish, with the bonus of being able to hop on and hop off at any station and ride on any number of fascinating trams from the oldest to the newest.

Don't forget that children under three accompanied by an adult travel free, and children under six-month accompanied by an adult pay just half the adult ticket price.

A great evening's entertainment has been organised with the Coly River Jazz Band performing on Colyton Station at Easter on Saturday, March 30th from 7.30pm – 10.30pm.

The tram departs from Seaton at 7.00pm and at Colyton you can dance on the platform or just listen to this well known local jazz and swing sextet. The Tramstop Café is supporting this great entertainment by laying on a spread of delicious

Exeter Stew together with Savoury Doughboys and home made bread.

After all this excitement, the tram departs from Colyton at 10.30 pm for the return journey to Seaton.

The tram ride, entertainment and food prices are: Adults £23, Children (3-15) £17.00 and Children (under 3) £5.00. If you are making your own way to Colyton, the prices are: Adults £18, Children (3-15) £12.00 and Children (under 3) £5.00. This is sure to be a popular, so please pre-book in advance on 01297 20375 to avoid disappointment

The Coly River Band are just the first evening event at Colyton Tramstop this year. They will be followed by the Rod Stewart Tribute show on Saturday 4th May, The Neil Diamond Tribute Show

on Saturday, 8th June, The Tom Jones and Elvis Tribute Show, styled "A Vegas Night Out" on Saturday, 6th July and The Abba Salute on Saturday 3rd August. We round off the year's evening entertainments with the Twerzels West Country Tribute together with the Chaz & Dave Tribute Show on Saturday 31st August.

What better way to spend a day at Easter than to explore the Jurassic Coast at Seaton and the townships of Colyford and Colyton, as well as the River Axe Estuary and Axe Estuary Wetlands with all the amazing wildlife to be seen than from the open top deck of an electric tram.

Tickets can be purchased at the Seaton Terminus and Colyton Station ticket offices (or online at: www.tram.co.uk)



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A great evening out with Coly River Jazz Band at Colyton Station 7.30pm – 10.30pm Saturday 30th March 2013

Enjoy a dance on the platform or just listen to this well known local jazz band. Included in the ticket price is a delicious Easter Stew with Savoury Doughboys.

Food & Jazz: Adult £18.00 Child (3-15) £12.00 Child (U3) £5.00
Tram, Food & Jazz: Adult £23.00 Child (3-15) £17.00 Child (U3) £5.00

(Tram departs Seaton 1900 – Colyton 2230)

Make a note in your diary for further great nights out and join us (All at Colyton Station)

Saturday 8th June: Neil Diamond Tribute Show
Saturday 6th July: Tom Jones & Elvis Tribute Vegas Night
Saturday 3rd August: ABBA Salute - ABBA GIRLS & "Take Two"
Saturday 31st August: The Twerzels - Wurzels West Country Tribute plus Chaz & Dave Tribute

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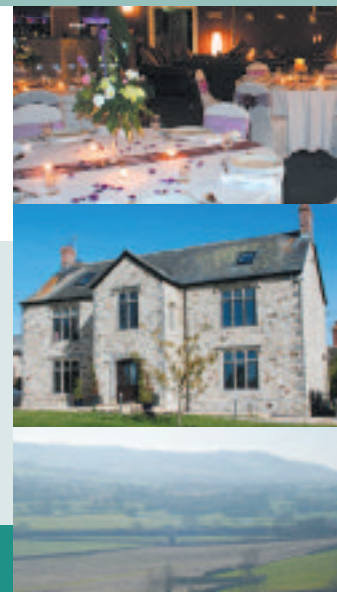
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UNTIL WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH

HAWKCHURCH: Art Exhibition: Favell Bevan-Arti is a local artist whose work encapsulates the beautiful Jurassic coast. At Fairwater Head Hotel. Viewing times 10am-7pm. Entry is free. Telephone 01297 678349 for more details.

TUESDAY MARCH 19TH

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AXMINSTER: Sing, Rhyme, Activity Time at Axminster Scout Hut from 1.30-2.30pm.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20TH

HONITON: Honiton U3A Annual General Meeting at Turks Head Lodge, Exeter Road. Starts 2.15pm. The attendance of members is important on this occasion when it is hoped to announce the venue for future meetings.

SEATON: Jurassic Folk Singer Night. All welcome, free admission. At The Grove. For more details call 01297 20064 or visit www.eastdevonfolk.org

AXMINSTER: Solihull Approach Parenting Programme at Axminster Primary School, 9.45am-11.45am (booking essential).

AXMINSTER: Developmental Baby Massage at Axe Valley Children's Centre from 1.30-2.30pm (booking essential).

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Stay and Play at Honiton Bottom Road. 10-11.30am.

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Breastfeeding Clinic at Clapper Lane. 10-11.30am

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Child Health Clinic at Honiton Bottom Road. 1-2.30pm.

THURSDAY MARCH 21st

OTTERY ST MARY: Play and praise at Ottery Parish Church, 10.30am-12noon. A session for under 5s and their carers with a story, craft and songs. Come along and meet the Rev Stephen Weston and our new Team Rector who will be leading this service. For more details call 01404 812062 or visit www.otterystmary.org.uk

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Twins Group at Clapper Lane. 10-11.30am

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AXMINSTER: Here's Looking at you Baby at Millwey Community Centre 1.30-3pm.

FRIDAY MARCH 22nd

AXMINSTER: Fun Friday & Story Telling at Axe Valley Children's Centre from 10-11am.

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Young Parents Group at Clapper Lane. 10-11.30am

AXMINSTER: Axminster Operatic Society are holding a Line Dance evening to raise funds for their November show - Kiss Me Kate. The dancing will be by Western Spirit at Axminster Guildhall from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 to include supper. Bar and raffle. For more details call 01297 444209

SIDFORD: Easter Meat Bingo at Sidford Social Hall, Byes Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Raffle. In aid of hall funds. All welcome.

HONITON: Honiton Senior Voice. An Open Meeting has been arranged with Neil Parish MP to talk on Health and Social Care followed by a Q & A session. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street at 2pm. The hall will be open for refreshments at 1.30pm. If you are interested in joining the group or the committee please talk to one of us before or after the meeting.

SATURDAY MARCH 23rd

OTTERY ST MARY: Ottery St Mary Bowling Club Easter Fayre at the Institute. Table tops for rent at £5 each. Open 10am-12noon. Hot cross buns and coffee, craft stalls, tombola, competitions, bric-a-brac, books etc. For more details call 01404 815125 or 01404 814659.

YARCOMBE: Easter Bingo at Yarcombe Village Hall. Eyes down 8pm.

OTTERY ST MARY: Ottery Choral Society & Orchestra present Handel's 'Israel in Egypt' and Haydn's 'Symphony No. 82 In C'. At Ottery Parish Church from 7.30pm. Conductor: Malcolm Matthews, Orchestral Leader: Sarah Greinig, Soloists: Rebecca Smith (mezzo) and Leslie Baker (tenor). Tickets £10.50 with wine and refreshments. Tickets available from

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HONITON: Hospiscare Bargain Sale from 9am-12noon, at the Mackarness Hall. Homemade refreshments served.

SEATON: Family Easter Bingo at Seaton Town Hall. Doors open 7pm, eye down at 7.30pm. All proceeds to Seaton Majorettes.

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH

HAWKCHURCH: Hawkchurch Fete Committee Easter Quiz at Old Inn from 8pm. £1 per person, teams of up to 5. Easter Hamper Draw will also take place.

AXMINSTER: Table Top Sale at Axminster Guildhall. Traders 8.30am, public 9.30am, finish 12.30pm. Tables £7, call 01297 34020 to book or for more details.

MONDAY MARCH 25TH

AWLISCOMBE: Awliscombe WI Grand Easter Bingo at Awliscombe Parish Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Childminders' Stay and Play at Honiton Bottom Road, 10-11.30am

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Sing, Rhyme Activity Time at Clapper Lane, 10-10.45am (Walking+), 11-11.45am (New born - walking)

HONITON: Honiton Children's Centre: Baby Massage at Honiton Bottom Road, 1-2.30pm (booking essential)

AXMINSTER: Bumps to Baby Buddies at Scott Rowe Room, Axminster Hospital, 1.30-3pm.

AXMINSTER: Bingo at Axminster Guildhall, doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

TUESDAY MARCH 26TH

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society AGM, followed by cookery demo: Pam Corbin will demonstrate some uses of 'Wild Garlic' in cooking - An event to make your mouth water! Members free, non-Members £2. Details 01297 444034 or www.ulrhs.wordpress.com. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society.

AXMINSTER: Developmental Baby Massage at Axe Valley Children's Centre from 1.30-2.30pm (booking essential).

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THURSDAY MARCH 28TH

AXMINSTER: Easter Bingo at the Guildhall, eyes down 8pm. Line and house prizes to include meat hampers and easter goodies! Half time refreshments and raffle. Fundraising for the Karizma Majorettes.

AXMINSTER: Psychic development group 7.30-9pm. Small group meeting the last Thursday of every month. £5 per session. Call 01297 354448 for more info.

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Pulman's Property View

Pennys Axe Valley property update



AS we move towards what is traditionally the key selling season we asked the team at Pennys for their thoughts on the current property market:

Which price bracket of the market has performed best this year?

Certainly upto £250,000, bearing in mind, the Stamp Duty threshold has proved popular but in fact the higher ranges have also drawn serious interest particularly as we move towards the Spring & Easter market.

Where do your buyers tend to come from?

70% of the buyers tend to come from London and the South East. While this has been the case so far this year, we have also sold a number of properties to

local buyers and even sold a house to buyers returning from France. To promote our properties to the widest audience we are holding an exhibition in Park Lane London on Monday 25th March which is a great way to tap into the London market. As members of The Guild of Professional Estate Agents which are linked to over 700 offices throughout the UK giving wide exposure to all our properties.

What advice would you give to a homeowner thinking about selling?

Speak to us as early as possible, preparation is key. High quality photography, floor plans, a suitable brochure and advertising campaign will make all the difference. All our properties appear on Rightmove

(the UK's largest property portal), Zoopla and Prime Location-the majority of buyers now use web sites in making their first step to sourcing their next home.

Why should people think about buying or selling now?

Despite concerns about the eurozone and the global economy in general, there are still plenty of buyers in the market looking for realistically priced property. East Devon generally is very much on the 'hit list' for buyers whether they be retiring, purchasing a second home, a permanent residence or an investment property.

For advice on your next sale or purchase contact the team at Pennys 01297 22224 or visit www.pennys.net



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Town needs to show the spirit that made it the heart of rural Devon

By Philip Evans

Editor of the Pulman's View series

AXMINSTER is a very different town to the one I knew when I first started reporting in East Devon in 1965. But one thing that hasn't changed is its resilience - and it is this dogged determination to overcome which will see it through this latest crisis.

Back in the late 1960s-early 1970s, Axminster was the rural heart of East Devon; in fact it punched far above its weight for a town with a population of around 4,000.

WITH Axminster having to come to terms with the demise of its world-famous carpet factory and the loss of 300 jobs, PULMAN'S VIEW (formerly Pulman's Weekly News) is launching the AXMINSTER FIGHTS BACK campaign to highlight that the rural heart of East Devon is far from a town on its knees...

The success of Axminster Carpets had much to do with this, as did the weekly cattle and street market which brought the farming community to town every Thursday.

Market day in Axminster - those were the days. As in many small towns, the commercial and social life of the town was dominated by a small group of strong characters who were passionately proud of Axminster.

The group was led by the indomitable Frank Rowe, who ran R & C Snell auctioneers and the cattle market as well as holding the title of "Lord of the Manor," now passed to his son, Jim, who retains his father's love of the town.

The market had a huge impact on the economy of Axminster, bringing hundreds of people into the town on a Thursday, not just for the livestock sales and street stalls but because the pubs were open all day.

Frank Rowe was definitely "Mr Axminster" but it was far from a one-man town. Others, in particular Miss Emmie Sheppard and Mr H.R. Jeffery, affectionately known as "Lord Jeff", were leading busy business lives and prominent in local affairs. They were the glue that held Axminster together.

By this time the Carpet Factory had been going for 30 years and Harry Dutfield has already achieved cult status as a tough but generous employer and, of course, engineers J.H. Shand was also a significant employer.

My ambition during this period was to work for *Pulman's Weekly News*, the bible of local newspapers. And I was fortunate to follow in the footsteps of the great Wally Fellenner, doyen of local reporters and my journalistic hero.

But his were big shoes in which to follow and I soon discovered that Wally's commitment to reporting the events of Axminster and its rural surround meant I would be out several evenings a week and always at weekends. I even had a reporting job on the morning of my wedding!

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BACKING FROM THE MAYOR

AXMINSTER-born Mayor Andrew Moulding is giving his full support to our AXMINSTER FIGHTS BACK campaign.

As the town's First Citizen, and a town, district and county councillor, Andrew is Axminster's most influential citizen.

He said: "I have no doubt that Axminster will come through the current difficulties. We fervently hope that there is a future for Axminster Carpets and that Axminsters will continue to be made in Axminster."

"Our first priority is to do all we can to help those who have lost their jobs and I am proud of how that various groups and agencies are joining forces



■ MAYOR ANDREW MOULDING - giving his full backing

to do this. "I am giving my full support to the AXMINSTER FIGHTS BACK campaign; it's a brilliant initiative which I hope will knit together all sections of the community to demonstrate what a great town Axminster is in which to work and live."

● A town at ease with itself - see page 32

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Spirit of Axminster is still shining bright

■ FROM PAGE 27

But there was no better way of getting to know the people of Axminster and to witness at first hand the community spirit that defined Axminster.

Sector Lane was the best football pitch around and Axminster Football Club was the most professional of all local clubs, attracting most of the talented players from around the area.

Axminster Carnival was billed as "The Best In The West"; it clearly wasn't but no one would dare say so in front of Frank Rowe.

My career took me elsewhere between the late 1970s and mid-1990s but when I returned to edit *Pulman's Weekly News* solicitor Nigel Cole warned me that Axminster was "not the town you remember".

By this time market day was a shadow of its former glory days with the cattle market on its last legs and eventually disappearing completely.

But there were some definite steps forward. The town now had a swimming pool, the secondary school and become a community college with a growing reputation, Cloakham Lawn was developing into a highly respected and much used sports centre and the Styles family had moulded Power Tools into one of their

market's most successful players.

I shall never forget when I walked back into the Guildhall to cover a meeting of Axminster Town Council after a break of 20 years.

Little had changed. Douglas Hull was still there and John Jeffery had mastered that gritty realism to local government that his father had invented. He was definitely "Lord Jeff Mark II".

Sadly the disgrace of Webster's Garage had not been solved, a blot on the landscape Axminster could have done without over the years, and it is only now that an interim solution to the town centre eyesore seems to be on the cards.

On the positive side, however, celebrity chef High Fearnley-Whittingalls had enough faith in Axminster as a commercial centre to bring his River Cottage Canteen to Axminster, attracting many hundreds of visitors to the town.

Another big bonus, in my view, has been the retention and refurbishment of the

"The town is definitely pulling together, fighting back after the disappointment of the past few weeks"

Guildhall, undoubtedly East Devon's finest public hall, but for the life of me I don't know why they don't give the front doors a lick of paint.

Generally speaking, the town council does a fine job with a number of long serving members, the likes of Douglas Hull, John Jeffery, Mervyn Symes, Sue Spiller, still making a significant contribution. The town owes them a great debt. And, refreshingly, some new faces with ambitious ideas have joined their ranks.

Local born Andrew Moulding exercises great influence and experience as town mayor and district and county councillor, having cut his teeth on masterminding the sports complex at Cloakham and heading up ACE (Axminster Community Enterprise) with an eye firmly on the future of Axminster.

The population of Axminster has exploded with the building of new housing estates and another 400 are planned for Chard Road and, ultimately, hundreds more. The town is still waiting for the north-south relief road and many are wondering whether it will ever come.

But the spirit of Axminster shines as bright as ever - and the town is definitely pulling together, fighting back after the disappointment of the past few weeks.

Axminster FIGHTS BACK!

...is an initiative to support and promote all the positive factors of living in and working in and around Axminster.

Pulman's Weekly News (now *Pulman's View*) has been at the heart of the Axminster community for 155 years. We have reported all the highs and lows of life in Axminster since 1857, through two world wars and many ups and downs, to the present day.

Now it's our intention over the coming weeks, as the town comes to terms with its current crisis caused by the collapse of Axminster Carpets, to commit editorial pages to focus on the high points of life in Axminster with the launch of an essay competition on "Why I Love Living in Axminster" as well as promoting the "Pride In Axminster" awards later in the year in which we will be honouring those who work so hard and effectively to make the town tick.

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PRIDE IN AXMINSTER AWARDS

AS part of the "AXMINSTER FIGHTS BACK" campaign, **Pulman's View** will be launching the "Pride in Axminster" awards.

Over the next few weeks we will be publishing details of the awards that will be presented at a sparkling dinner at the Guildhall in September.

The purpose of the awards is to highlight and honour the many who represent all that is best in the business and community life of Axminster.

Said Philip Evans, editor of **Pulman's View**: "The Pride in Axminster awards will showcase the tremendous achievements and community service that happen on a daily basis in and around Axminster."

"Axminster has a great deal to be proud of and we should be shouting this from the top of The Minster tower."

"There is enormous pride in Axminster and these awards, which will be sponsored by local companies, will demonstrate there are few towns with a better community spirit."

"The Axminster Fights Back cam-

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paign provides the ideal platform to honour our local champions."

The categories in the "Pride In Axminster" awards will be:

- ◆ Emergency Service Champion
- ◆ Health Service Champion

- ◆ Student Champion
- ◆ Small business Champion
- ◆ Charity Champion
- ◆ Sport Champion
- ◆ Arts Champion
- ◆ Community Champion

Details of the above categories will be published in **Pulman's View** in the coming weeks.

Local organisations and readers will be asked to nominate worthy recipients of the awards.

Why I love living in Axminster

DO you live in or near Axminster and are proud of your town?

If so, why not enter our essay competition with the theme "Why I Love Living in Axminster."

The essays should be on no more than 600 words and can be illustrated by one photo.

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Axminster Job Club is at full stretch

AXMINSTER Job Club has announced it will stage a job fair in the town's Guildhall. The date is Thursday, May 30th from 9am-4.30pm and more information will be released in due course.

Job club volunteers will contact employers within a radius of 15 miles or so of the town, inviting them to have a stand at the fair.

The event is being supported by *Pulman's View*.

The job club has recruited more volunteers and

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laid on extra opening hours as a response to mass-redundancies at Axminster Carpets.

Since about 200 people lost their jobs at the Axmin-

ster Carpets factory, the job club has been at full stretch.

Before the crisis at Axminster Carpets, the job club attracted an average of about 20 job seekers each Thursday morning.

Because of the situation at Axminster Carpets, the job club is also open on Wednesday mornings for the time being.

Phased approach

Thirty job seekers visited on Wednesday March 13th and no less than 51 visited the following day.

Peter Porteous of Axminster Job Club says there is a phased approach to help people made redundant from Axminster Carpets.

The job club was open on Friday, March 8th to help people register for Jobseeker's Allowance.

Many of those affected have also been helped with setting up e-mail accounts, which they can access through job club computers.

In addition, CV sessions are planned in the near future to prepare job seekers for a competitive job market.

Job hunting has also been on the agenda, and, for example, the job club has helped 40 people with applications for three production jobs at PECO.

One former carpets worker was helped with an application for a vacancy elsewhere and was immediately called for interview, the outcome not known when *Pulman's View* spoke to Mr Porteous.

Those using the job club can complete a questionnaire to give their views on the service offers.

Mr Porteous showed *Pulman's View* a sample of replies, including comments like "the help and understanding has been very uplifting", "it is a useful resource", "volunteers are friendly, helpful and encouraging in what is a stressful time".

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- 3** Axminster has excellent educational facilities with the Axe Valley Community College growing in reputation all the time and two excellent primary schools.
- 4** In Axminster Power Tools Axminster has an innovative employer with an increasing internationally recognised brand.
- 5** Axminster has a vibrant Chamber of Commerce which runs a successful and much used Tourist Information Centre.
- 6** Axminster has great sporting facilities, including the Flamingo Pool, and

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- 7** Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre with a new football ground soon to be provided in Chard Road.
- 8** Despite the depressed financial climate, Axminster has an industrial and trading estate at Millwey Rise with a number of innovative companies providing essential employment.
- 9** Axminster town centre continues to attract new businesses with few empty premises.
- 10** Axminster enjoys and benefits from celebrity chef Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall's high TV profile with his Trinity Square Canteen restaurant and nearby River Cottage attracting many visitors to the town.
- 11** Axminster attracts sufficient busi-

ness to warrant its own department store in Trinity House, part of the highly respected Fields of Sidmouth group, attracting many shoppers to the town.

- 12** Axminster has a network of care and counselling groups which enhances the quality of life for many low-income families, including the Axminster Care Service, Axminster Churches Together, ARC, HALFF and the recently renamed Health & Wellbeing Centre.
- 13** Axminster has one of East Devon's finest public meeting places in the Guildhall with further community facilities at the Old Courthouse.
- 14** Axminster has a vibrant arts community which runs the successful Arts Cafe at the Old Courthouse.
- 15** Axminster has a plethora of local clubs and groups which enhances the social fabric of the town.
- 16** Axminster has a real social conscious with a network of charities and service organisations that raise thousands

of pounds for worthy causes.

♦ If readers would like to add to this list, please send us your reasons for being proud of Axminster and we will publish them.

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Axminster 'at ease with itself'

I HAVE just completed my Town Mayor's report for the Axminster Annual Parish Meeting and reflected on a challenging year for Axminster. I talked about the problems at Axminster Carpets, the reduction in Day Care Surgery at Axminster Hospital and last year's floods.

However, it is not all gloom and doom - in fact the way in which the town responded to recent events demonstrates what a great community we have in Axminster.

Large numbers of individuals and organisations are ready to assist whenever difficulties arise in our town.

So let's have a look at what's great about Axminster.

Axminster sits within a beautiful area of East Devon countryside and has a fantastic heritage with fine historic buildings.

It is the gateway to the Jurassic coast and is a quality destination, with the Minster Church at the heart of the town. It has a well-integrated

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transport network with a train station, which makes it an important centre for growth and development.

Axminster has everything you could expect from a thriving market town, with a blend of shops to suit all requirements.

The town is rightly proud of its cottage hospital, GPs' surgery and a number of support groups; the League of Friends, ARC, Hospice group and the marvellous Axminster Care Service. Residents also receive assistance from the Axminster Job Club, Health and Well-being Centre, HALFF, Churches Together and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Axminster is a town with character, community spirit and a sense of well-being

The town is supported by all the emergency services, with strong links to the community. This includes the police force, our retained fire service (local lads who do a great job for Axminster, particularly as the first response unit), ambulance service and our local St John Ambulance, who assist so many of our organisations at a wide range of events.

Axe Valley Ring and Ride ensures that everyone has the opportunity to move around the area. The elderly are catered for through the Senior Citizens Centre. Axminster Royal British Legion is enhanced by a flourishing women's section.

Our schools are an integral part of the community and apart from the development of our young people, they take an increasingly active part in extra-curricular activities.

This includes our Young Peoples' Centre, Scouts and Beavers, Guides and Brownies.

First and foremost however, Axminster is a town with character, community spirit and a sense of well-being, with a wide range of active voluntary organisations operating in and around the town.

There are numerous sports and art related groups, delivering high quality recreational and cultural activities in the town. Service organisations are also well represented with Rotary, Inner Wheel, Lions and the Freemasons' Lodge. Axminster Young Farmers also have an active presence in the town as well as in the countryside!

Visitors to the town will have a range of attractions to explore, with assistance from our excellent TIC. They will take in Axminster Museum, heritage walks around the town and a varied number of excellent places to eat and drink, with the famous River Cottage Canteen well-placed in Trinity Square.

At the appropriate time of the year, tourists and local residents will be able to spend two days at the Axe Vale Festival and a whole week of events arranged for Axminster Carnival.

The governance of the town is entrusted to Axminster Town Council, which prides itself on being non-political and which devotes its energies to doing the best for the town.

The Town Council is pleased that at long last there may be signs of action on the Webster's garage site, which has the potential to greatly enhance the central hub of the town. It is also hoped that the proposed local plan will support growth and help to deliver a north/south relief road to improve problems with congestion in Axminster.

In short, Axminster is a good place to live, work and play; a welcoming and rewarding place for people to visit and for businesses to start-up and develop: a community that feels safe and at ease with itself and is confident in meeting future challenges.

Andrew Moulding
(Town Mayor)

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■ MAYOR ANDREW MOULDING - confident that Axminster will meet future challenges

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Care service – always there to help

By Anders Larsson
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AXMINSTER Care Service's initial response to the crisis at Axminster Carpets was to give grants totalling £1,500 to organisations supporting those affected.

A cheque of £1,000 was given to Axminster Job Club towards longer opening hours and an increased need for accommodation to house extra activities.

Axminster Care Service also donated £500 to Axminster Christian Fellowship's food hamper project.

This project is separate to the Canned Sunshine foodbank and has been in operation for about 20 years.

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Axminster Care Service secretary Caroline Lavender says the organisation will attend Friday's meeting called by Axminster Town to discuss a co-ordinated effort with other organisations.

She said: "That (the cheques) was a starting point. We are going to the meeting on Friday.

"We are happy to assist where we can."

Axminster Care Service was started about 25 years ago because it was felt there was a need for an or-

ganisation that offered help to the elderly and people in general in need.

It is a voluntarily run organisation and it generates its income from the Charity Togs shop in South Street.

The main activity is the car service, which takes people to hospital appointments as far away as Bristol and Plymouth, for example.

The car service is available to anyone and does not only cater for patients, also providing transport for people visiting loved ones in hospital.

Boosting literary levels at Axe Valley College

Axminster Care Service receives applications from other organisations and individuals throughout the year plus referrals from health visitors.

It also gives an annual grant to Axe Valley Community College towards a project boosting literacy levels, last year's donation being in the region of £12,000.

Mrs Lavender said the Care Service costs about £30,000 a year to run.

Other services provided include:

- ◆ A befriending service involving about seven ladies who regularly visit the lonely and elderly in the town and surrounding areas.

- ◆ A regular subsidised Tuesday lunch club for about 20 people, where people are picked up from their homes, given a very good lunch and then returned home.

Axminster Care Service also supports the the Sen-

ior Citizens' Centre in Church Street and recently contributed about £20,000 towards its refurbishment.

The Charity Togs shop is run by a roster of about 25 volunteers, and the organisation has a team of about 20 volunteer drivers for the car service.

Mrs Lavender said: "The shop is very successful and very well run. Axminster Care Service is an active and very well-used service."

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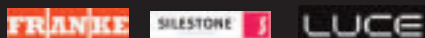
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Churches Together feeding the needy

By Anders Larsson
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SIX churches in the town come together under the banner of Axminster Churches Together. Each congregation currently collects food during services once a week, which is then delivered to one of the Churches Together members, Axminster Christian Fellowship.

The fellowship has seen its food hamper project develop over the years and is now an all-year operation.

Pastor Ray Hunter said: "Originally it was Christmas hampers, but we started to get calls from social services and public health teams."

The food hamper project has been going for more than 20 years, and Pastor Hunter said: "It has taken off over the last six years or so when things have got more difficult and the need increased."

The fellowship is a charity which, among other things, aims to help the poor, aged sick or disabled.

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It also works with young people by running a weekly club for primary school aged children called Crusaders at Millwey Community Centre.

Pastor Hunter said: "We are happy to be part of all that is happening and serve the community in any way we can."

He is also vice-chairman of Axminster Churches Together, which also comprises United Reformed Church, Kilminster Baptist Church, The Minster Church, The Methodist Church, St Mary's RC Church and The Religious Society of Friends.

The churches involved support each other's initiatives where possible and also provide a joint

team which visits local residential homes to lead worship.

Axminster Job Club was formed by Axminster Churches Together and has proved very popular, especially as the town lost its JobCentre branch a

number of years ago. In response to the crisis and mass-redundancies at Axminster Carpets, the job club has announced that it will stage a job fair in the Guildhall on Thursday, May 30th (see separate story on page 30).

At long last, movement on town's two eyesores

AXMINSTER is expected to be more pleasing on the eye when two eyesores are dealt with – the dilapidated Webster's garage building in the town centre and the equally dilapidated former Rodney Rendell site, off Chard Road.

The movers and shakers behind plans to revitalise the Webster's site have confirmed they will submit a revised planning application.

As previously reported, the plan is to demolish what is left of the structure and turn the site into a car park as a stop-gap measure until a long-term mixed use development can be built.

The site is owned by Plymouth-based Hallmark Estates, which has described it as the town's

"most dominant, prominent and harmful wart."

Hallmark Estates revealed its car park plans for a 60-space car park last month, and is represented in Axminster by Graham Barton.

At last week's town council meeting it was revealed that a revised planning application was in the pipeline.

REVISED PLAN

Mr Barton told *Pulman's View*: "The rumour mill is correct that we'll be submitting a revised plan."

"I'm not sure of the details yet although what I can say with some confidence is that the new plan will be influenced heavily by the observations of the planning committee of the town council."

The town council supported the application, but asked that "consideration be given to the provision of a double-lane exit to prevent right-turning vehicles blocking the exit of left-turning."

The town council also recommended that spaces for the disabled are placed adjacent to the car park's entry points.

As for the site off Chard Road, planning permission was gained last year for 36 dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping.

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A market in Axminster for 800 years

By Anders Larsson
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THURSDAY is market day in Axminster, turning Trinity Square and surrounding areas into a hive of activity. Axminster's market boasts a history going back more than 800 years.

The Manor of Axminster was held by the Crown until 1204 when King John granted it to William Lord Brewer for an annual rent of £24 and a weekly market on Sundays.

William Lord Brewer died in 1227 and the Manor and the hundred (areas preceding parishes) was passed to his son, also named William, who died five years later.

The Manor and the hundred were passed to his sister, Alice, who married Reginald de Mohun.

Reginald's eldest son, also named Reginald, was a founder of Newenham Abbey, and granted the Manor and the hundred to the abbey in 1245.

This was the start of a nearly 300-year period during which the Manor and the hundred belonged to the Cistercian monks of Newenham Abbey.

It wasn't until the abbey surrendered in 1539 that the Manor reverted to the Crown.

Over the years, the Manor and the hundred

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changed hands on a number of times, often in unpleasant circumstances.

For example, holder Lord Thomas Grey was beheaded in 1554, a fate that also befell another holder, The Duke of Norfolk, in 1572.

Major Henry Knight died in 1916 and was succeeded by his son Henry Knight, who sold the market rights to Messrs R and C Snell, who ran the cattle market.

Familiar face

Charles Snell became Lord of the Manor in 1939 and was succeeded by Frank Rowe in 1965.

The current Lord of the Manor, Jim Rowe, has held the title since 1994 and is a familiar face among the stalls on market days.

Mr Rowe is now exploring the possibility of staging a celebration in 2015 to mark the granting of the eight-day feast to Lord Brewer in 1215.

The market day was changed from Friday to Thursday around 1870 and has since played a prominent role in the profile of Axminster.



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Help from the county council

DEVON County Council is offering its support to jobseekers following the redundancy of 300 workers at Axminster Carpets.

From this Friday (March 22nd), Axminster Library on South Street will be increasing its opening hours each week to help jobseekers gain valuable job-related skills and improve their IT knowledge.

The library will be open each Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30pm for a three month period to offer free computer and internet access, as part of the 'Free Fridays' service to jobseekers.

Extra support will be available from trained library staff, who can offer help with job seeking and finding out about benefits, support with basic IT skills, information about job vacancies, CV writing,

and how to get the most from the local job scene. The library is open as usual to everyone else on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The council's Adult & Community Learning service is also offering its support to the community-run Axminster Job Club at the Methodist Church Hall. The Job Club is now running a Wednesday session for the next four weeks in addition to normal Thursday sessions.

Both sessions run from 9:30 am to 12:30pm and experienced staff will be on-hand to help people develop a CV, increase their confidence and develop their job seeking skills. The Job Club also runs computer, English and maths courses at the Methodist Church Hall and the Guildhall.

◆ Maths class on Thursdays 10:00am -12:00 midday at the Guildhall;

◆ English class on Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Guildhall ;

◆ IT course on Thursday afternoons at the Methodist Hall.

Spaces on all courses are limited, and jobseekers are advised to contact My Devon on 0845 155 1014 in advance to secure a place, or to find out what other courses are available.

Councillor Roger Croad, Devon County Council's lead member for Adult and Community Learning

said: "The loss of such a major employer in Axminster has had a profound impact, not only on those who were working at Axminster Carpets, but also on the wider local community.

"We are doing everything we can to help minimise the effect caused by this closure, by providing support and advice for those affected, to enable them to seek alternative employment."

Councillor Andrew Moulding, Devon County Councillor for Axminster, said he was delighted that Devon County Council responded so swiftly to the situation in Axminster.

Developing skills

Councillor Moulding said: "Many organisations have offered their support in assisting the employees of Axminster Carpets who have lost their jobs.

"The county council has recognised that jobseekers from Axminster and the surrounding area will need the necessary skills to give them the very best opportunity of finding new employment.

"The county council's offer of free access to computers at Axminster Library on Friday mornings, together with the excellent work currently being carried out by Axminster Job Club, will assist greatly in helping Axminster Carpets' employees look for job vacancies and develop IT and CV writing skills."

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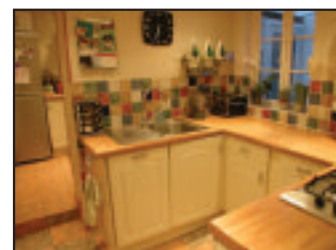
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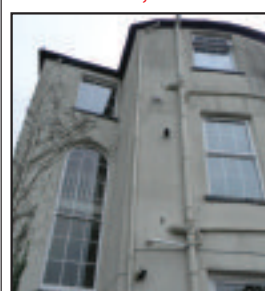
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A delightful period property offering 3 bed accommodation within the grounds of a working farm in village location just outside Honiton. This property is presented in good decorative order throughout and comprises: 3 beds, large f/f kitchen, study, guest cloakroom, living room with log burning fire, en-suite to main bedroom, Oil fired heating, double glazed, good size garden, 2 x car ports. Conditions: No smokers or DSS, Pet considered.

Silver Street, Axminster

£500pcm



Newly developed modern 1 bed apartment situated on 1st floor of 3 storey Georgian building. This property has been finished to a high standard and is ideally located for easy access to town centre and main line train station. Comprises: Living room with kitchenette, bathroom, double bedroom with window feature, spacious study/store room, full gas central heating, double glazed, new fitted carpets, allocated parking. Conditions: No DSS, smokers pets or children.

Holly Close, Honiton

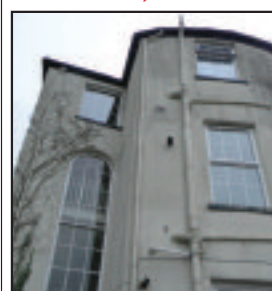
£750pcm



A good size 3 bed semi detached property in popular residential area. This well presented family home has been newly redecorated throughout and comprises: 3 beds, lounge, dining area, F/FG modern kitchen with integrated appliances, bathroom with electric shower, Newly fitted gas central heating, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway. Conditions: No DSS, pets or smokers.

Silver Street, Axminster

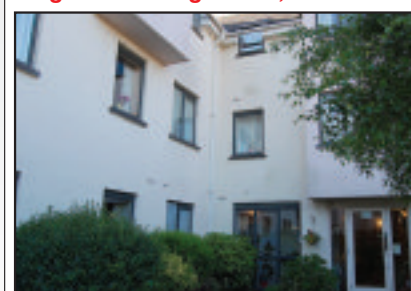
£475pcm



Newly developed modern 1 bed apartment situated on 1st floor of 3 storey Georgian building. This property has been finished to a high standard and is ideally located for easy access to town centre and main line train station. Comprises: Living room with kitchenette, good size shower room, double bedroom, full gas central heating, double glazed, new fitted carpets, allocated parking. Conditions: No DSS, smokers pets or children.

Kings Gdns. Kings Road, Honiton

£485pcm



A superb ground floor apartment for the over 55's in popular Kerslake Court minutes from the town centre. This good size property comprises: 1 double bedroom, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom, communal lounge area storage heating, double glazing, parking, communal gardens.

Silver Street, Axminster

£650pcm



Spacious and bright top floor flat within Georgian building offering good size 3 bed accommodation in ideal location for easy access to town centre and main line train station. Comprises: Living room, large bathroom, 3 good size bedrooms, fitted kitchen/diner, full gas central heating, double glazed, allocated parking. Conditions: No DSS, smokers or pets.

Westminster Close, Feniton

£680pcm



This 3 bed semi detached property offers ideal family accommodation located in popular residential area minutes from main line rail station. This property is well presented and comprises 3 beds, lounge, downstairs cloakroom, f/f modern kitchen, bathroom, garage, driveway parking. No pets, smokers or DSS.

Homelace House, Honiton

£475pcm



A well presented first floor apartment in this sought after retirement development close to town centre. This property is available immediately for a long term let and comprises: Kitchen, Lounge/dining room, bathroom, Double bedroom, Shared use of communal gardens, guest room, laundry room. Conditions: No DSS, Children, smokers or pets.

Newlands, Honiton

£650pcm



Superb brick built end terraced cottage close to town centre. 2 bedrooms, Good size lounge, f/f kitchen, bathroom, Gas central heating, double glazed, rear gdn. own parking space, No pets, smokers, children or DSS.



Tencery Orchard, Old Dunksell

£595pcm

3 bed terraced house in sought after Old Dunksell location. Property is set over 3 floors and comprises: 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, small conservatory, bathroom, enclosed rear garden. Pets considered.



New Street, Honiton

£650pcm

A good size 2 bed 1st floor split level flat in ideal town centre location. The property comprises: 2 bedrooms, study/storage room, good size living room, fitted kitchen/dining area, Gas central heating. Conditions: No DSS, pets, children considered.



Pale Gate Close, Honiton

£650pcm

A well presented mid terraced property offering 2 bed accommodation in popular residential area. Property comprises: 2 beds, lounge/diner, f/f modern kitchen, bathroom, gas central heating, allocated parking, unfurnished. Conditions: No pets, smokers or DSS.

New Street, Honiton

£520pcm



2 bed 1st floor flat in ideal town centre location. Comprising: 2 bedrooms, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom, full gas central heating, double glazed. Available immediately.

Oak View, Honiton

£850pcm



A superb and spacious 3 bed detached bungalow in sought after location. This property has been recently redecorated and is presented in excellent order throughout. Comprising: 3 bedrooms, good size living room, fully fitted kitchen, family bathroom, conservatory, full gas central heating and double glazing, garage and off street parking. No pets, children considered.

Orchard Way, Honiton

£695pcm



A well presented detached bungalow offering good size 2 bed accommodation in quiet cul de sac location within walking distance of town centre. Comprising: 2 bedrooms, spacious living room, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, separate utility room, family bathroom, FGCH, double glazed, Garage and driveway, enclosed rear garden. Conditions: No DSS, smokers or pets.

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Axminster, Seaton and surrounding areas



Axminster

- A beautifully presented two bedroom end terrace property with 8 year NHBC remaining
- Lounge opening onto south facing garden
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and downstairs WC
- Allocated off road parking
- Ideal low maintenance first time buy or investment

£168,000



Whitford

- Two bedroom semi detached family home in sought after village
- Kitchen / Dining Room
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and oil fired central heating
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off road parking
- EPC F

£150,000



Castle Hill, Axminster

- A one bedroom terrace house previously achieving £450pcm making an ideal investment property
- Open plan kitchen / living room
- Double bedroom and bathroom
- Central location in market town of
- Night storage heaters
- No onward chain
- Now in need of renovation
- EPC E

£65,000



Axminster

- A spacious three bedroom terrace house in popular residential area
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Lounge Diner overlooking garden
- Bathroom and separate WC
- Low maintenance front and landscaped rear garden
- Part Double glazing and GCH
- Loft and cavity wall insulated

£145,000



Seaton

- A substantial two bedroom detached bungalow now in need of some modernisation
- Possibility to extend (stpp)
- Good sized plot with front and rear gardens laid mainly to lawn
- Attached garage and off road parking
- Fully fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Dual aspect lounge with feature fireplace
- Fully double glazed, GCH, loft and cavity wall insulation
- No onward chain
- EPC D

£240,000



Axminster

- A semi detached three bedroom cornish unit with potential to develop (stpp)
- Situated on large corner plot with garage, off road parking, front rear and side gardens
- Well presented spacious accommodation comprising of kitchen/diner, lounge with feature woodburner, three bedrooms and family bathroom
- GCH and part double glazing

£155,000



Beer

- A three bedroom end terrace house with views over the village
- Open plan kitchen dining room with utility area overlooking garden
- Lounge with feature bay window
- Modern fitted family bathroom
- Scope to convert loft (stpp)
- Fully enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking for one
- GCH and double glazing

£250,000

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Axminster

- A four bedroom terrace family home with good size garden
- Kitchen and large utility extension
- Separate dining room with bay window
- Dual aspect lounge
- Family bathroom and downstairs WC
- Double glazing, GCH and cavity wall insulation
- No onward chain
- EPC D

£159,950



Beer

- A substantial semi detached three bedroom house
- Ideal for extensions (stpp)
- Good sized front, rear and side gardens
- Attached garage
- Off road parking
- Kitchen and Utility area
- Dining room and Lounge
- Family bathroom and downstairs WC
- Gas central heating
- EPC D

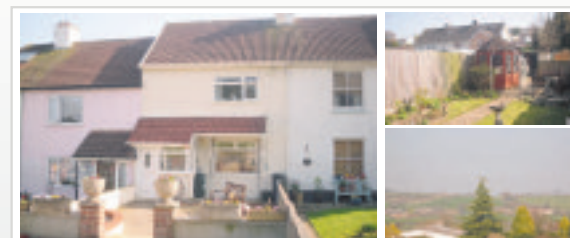
£295,000



Seaton

- A well presented two bedroom end of terrace property in popular residential area
- Modern fitted kitchen diner overlooking rear garden
- Lounge and bathroom
- Good decorative order throughout
- Off road parking for two cars
- Low maintenance front and rear gardens
- Double glazing and GCH
- EPC C

£172,950



Colyton

- A well maintained two bedroom terrace house with potential to extend
- L shaped kitchen and utility area
- Lounge and adjoining dining room
- Modern fitted family bathroom suite
- Fully enclosed landscaped rear garden
- Low maintenance front garden
- Consent to convert loft into third bedroom

£174,950



Axminster

- A superb one bedroom ground floor apartment
- Fully fitted modern fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Well presented dual aspect lounge diner
- Access to communal garden
- Allocated parking space
- NHBC remaining
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- EPC C

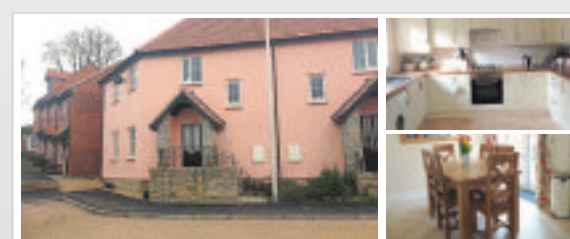
£99,950



Axminster

- A three bedroom end terrace house on large corner plot
- Scope to extend (STPP)
- Modern fitted kitchen / diner
- Lounge and Conservatory
- Family bathroom and downstairs WC
- Garage and off road parking
- NHBC remaining
- Fully double glazed and GCH
- EPC C

£178,000



Axminster

- A superb three bedroom semi detached home beautifully presented throughout with over 8 year NHBC remaining. Built on a popular Wain Homes development, The Kernow provides comfortable living accommodation with an open plan kitchen / dining room overlooking the rear garden, lounge, master bedroom with ensuite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom and downstairs WC, garage and garden.

£199,995



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Residential Lettings



Dulford

Modern 4 bedroom farmhouse. Hallway, 2 receptions, kitchen, utility, shower room, conservatory, office, bathroom, shower room. Double garage, garden. O.F.C.H. Pets/children considered. EPC Band D. Available Early April. Web Find: 52466
£1,495 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Rousdon

4 bedroom detached barn conversion in superb elevated position. Sitting/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, bathroom. Gardens, parking. Pet/children considered. Available Immediately. Web Find: 39114
£1,400 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Newton Poppleford

Semi-detached bungalow situated on the edge of popular village. Kitchen/dining room, sitting room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 en suites. O.F.C.H. Water/drainage incl. EPC Band C. Available immediately. Web Find: 58294
£1,200 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Beer

Semi-detached 3 bedroom period house. Hallway, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, shower room, bathroom. Parking, garden. G.F.C.H. Pets/children considered. EPC Band E. Available early May. Web Find: 34237
£895 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Whimble

Spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow. Hallway, sitting room, kitchen, dining room, bathroom. Gardens, parking. G.F.C.H. Cats/children considered. EPC Band E. Available Immediately. Web Find: 56320
£850 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Kentisbeare

3 bedroom cottage within popular village. Sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom, en suite shower room. E.N.S.H. Pets/children considered. EPC Band E. Available Immediately. Web Find: 45062
£685 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Nr Honiton

Delightful end terrace cottage situated on working farm. Hallway, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, 2 bedrooms, shower room. Garden. G.F.C.H. Water incl. Pets/children considered. EPC Band F. Available End April. Web Find: 34069
£550 pcm Honiton 01404 42553



Honiton

1 bedroom unfurnished house with garden & parking. Sitting/dining room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom. Garden, parking. E.N.S.H. No children. Pets considered. EPC Band E. Available Immediately. Web Find: 33943
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COLYFORD £220,000



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NEW

SEATON £139,950



Modern 2 bedroom apartment with lift, parking and visitor's parking. Purpose built block situated directly opposite the beach and within a short level walk to the town centre. Balcony and views towards countryside in the distance. EPC rating C.



NEW

SEATON £99,000



A one bedroom, 1st floor retirement apartment at Haven Court with a balcony and views towards Axe Cliff. The development is exclusively for the over-55s and was built in early 2002 by McCarthy & Stone. The apartment is within a short walk of the seaford and town centre. No onward chain. EPC rating B



NEW

SEATON £235,000



2 bedroom detached bungalow in a quiet cul-de-sac which has been thoughtfully renovated throughout, situated in an elevated position with far-reaching countryside views. The property includes a large eat-in kitchen and has scope to further extend the accommodation, subject to the necessary consents.



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SEATON £450 PCM



NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM FLAT IN TOWN CENTRE LOCATION WITH LOUNGE, BEDROOM, KITCHEN, SHOWER ROOM, VIEWS OVER ESTUARY. PICTURE ATTACHED.

SEATON £550 PCM



THIRD FLOOR FLAT WITH AMAZING COASTAL VIEWS. LOUNGE WITH ACCESS TO BALCONY LOOKING OUT TO THE BEACH. KITCHEN. BATHROOM. TWO BEDROOMS. DOUBLE GLAZED. EPC RATING 54

SEATON £495 PCM



2 BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN TOWN LOCATION WITH: SITTING ROOM. KITCHEN. BATHROOM. 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS. DOUBLE GLAZING. GARDEN.

SEATON £875 PCM



DETACHED HOUSE WITH THREE BEDROOMS, MASTER EN-SUITE, LOUNGE, DINING ROOM, KITCHEN, 2ND RECEPTION, CONSERVATORY, GARAGE, PARKING, GCH. ATTRACTIVE GARDENS. EPC RATING 72. CHILDREN & PETS CONSIDERED.

SEATON £625 PCM



SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT. NEWLY FITTED KITCHEN. LARGE LOUNGE/DINER. SHOWER ROOM. BALCONY. GCH. GARAGE. PARKING. REGRET NO CHILDREN OR PETS. EPC RATING 77

HONITON £725 PCM



MODERN 3 BED SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION. LOUNGE. KITCHEN/DINER. CLOAKROOM. MASTER EN-SUITE. FAMILY BATHROOM. GARDEN. PARKING. GCH. EPC RATING 75

SEATON £575 PCM



2 BEDROOM APARTMENT SITUATED CLOSE TO BEACH AND SHORT LEVEL WALK TO TOWN CENTRE. LOUNGE. KITCHEN. 2 BEDS. BATHROOM. BALCONY. ENTRY PHONE SYSTEM. COMMUNAL HALL WITH LIFT. RENT INCL. OF WATER. REGRET NO PETS. EPC RATING 77

SEATON £550 PCM



IMMACULATE ONE BED 1ST FLOOR APARTMENT. KITCHEN. GOOD SIZE LOUNGE. BEDROOM. BATHROOM. GATED COMMUNAL COURTYARD. DOUBLE GLAZED. GCH. EPC RATING 67



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NEW
PRICE



Foseway Court, Seaton £145,000

- Communal hallway with lift and stairs
- Private hall and galleys style kitchen
- Lounge/dining room with sun balcony
- Three good size bedrooms and bathroom / WC
- uPVC framed double glazing and electric heating
- Superb views of the Axe Valley, Axe Cliff, the beach and out to sea
- Allocated under cover parking space available separately
- Prominent, sought after seafront position
- Internal viewings recommended
- Ideal investment, retirement, holiday or permanent residence
- Energy performance rating is D

Old Beer Road, Seaton



£650,000

NEW
PRICE



- Superb modern detached house
- Spacious lounge and large separate dining room
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms (master with en-suite)
- Further family bathroom
- Separate WC
- Spacious sun terrace with views of the sea
- Separate two bedroom chalet
- Ample parking for several vehicles
- Beautiful landscaped gardens with stunning views
- Energy performance rating is D

NEW
PRICE



Norcombe Court, Seaton £125,000

- Purpose built ground floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Living room with Juliette balcony
- Electric night storage heating
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Stunning location directly on the esplanade
- Level, easy walk to the town centre
- Landscaped communal gardens
- Allocated parking space and further visitors spaces
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Energy performance rating is D



Harbour Road, Seaton £130,000

- Ground floor flat
- Two/Three bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining room currently used as a third bedroom
- Recently fitted, modern kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front and rear garden
- Upvc Double glazing
- Parking for several cars
- Within a level walking distance of the seafront and town centre
- Energy performance rating is D



Manor Court, Seaton £229,950

- Superbly presented, modern town house
- Three double bedrooms
- Living room with balcony
- Spacious kitchen/dining room
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Master bedroom with E/suite shower room
- Well presented family bathroom
- Gas central heating & sealed unit double glazing
- South facing, level lawned gardens
- Integral garage with power remote door
- Energy performance rating is C

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Ash hill Court, Beer £219,950

- Three storey, end of terrace house
- Three bedrooms
- Superbly presented throughout
- Views across the village
- Gas c/ heating & sealed unit d/glazing
- Allocated off-road parking space
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Attractive, secluded and lawned gardens
- No onward chain
- Energy performance rating is D



Harepath Road, Seaton £174,950

- Three bedrooms
- Character Cottage
- Modern Kitchen/diner
- Gas central heating
- Close to local amenities
- Lounge
- Study
- Dressing Room
- Bathroom
- Beautifully presented throughout
- Energy performance rating is E

Delapole Court, Seaton

£225,000

NEW



- Characterful end of terrace mews style house
- Three bedrooms-master with e/suite shower room
- Secure and peaceful location close to all amenities
- Spacious lounge/diner with fireplace & fitted wood burner
- Open views to rear towards estuary, Axmouth and sea beyond
- Ground floor cloakroom & superbly refitted kitchen
- Attractive family bathroom
- Enclosed, secluded and lawned gardens
- Gas central heating and sealed unit double glazing
- Allocated off road parking
- Energy performance rating is C

Poplar Tree Drive, Seaton

£275,000

NEW



- An impressive detached modern bungalow
- Two double bedrooms
- Excellent open views across the Axe Valley
- Excellent, peaceful location-easy access to town and bus stop
- Very attractive, spacious dual aspect living room
- Separate dining room and good sized conservatory
- Gas central heating & sealed unit double glazing
- Superbly presented throughout
- Delightful, landscaped surrounding gardens
- Driveway and single garage
- Energy performance rating is D



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- Set In The Popular Village Of Chardstock With Far Reaching Rural Views To The Rear
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Gas Fired Central Heating & Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating D



HAWKCHURCH £239,950

- 3 Bedroom Mid Terraced Cottage Style House
- uPVC Glazing, Conservatory With Superb Rural Views
- Mature Front And Rear Gardens
- Garage And Allocated Parking
- Picturesque Village Location And No Onward Chain
- Energy Rating E



OFF LYME ROAD, AXMINSTER £125,000

- Building Plot
- For A Pair Of 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Houses
- Within Close Proximity To The Town
- Full Planning Permission Granted



ROUSDON ESTATE, ROUSDON £359,000

- An Attached 4 Bedroom, 2 Reception Room Family Home
- Individually Designed And Finished
- Set Within A Unique And Rural Private 350 Acre Country Estate On The Jurassic Coast
- Countryside Views, Level Gardens, Patio & Off Street Parking
- Energy Rating E



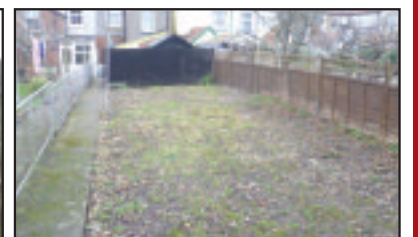
LYME ROAD, AXMINSTER £209,950

- Individually Designed 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Set Within A Level Plot With Gardens & Parking
- uPVC Glazing, Gas Fired Warm
- Water Underfloor Heating, Solar Panels
- Close To The Town Centre And Amenities
- In Final Stages Of Completion



KILMINGTON £234,950

- A Versatile 3/4 Bed Semi Detached Property With Attached 1 Bedroom Annexe
- Set In A Popular Village Just Off The Green
- Double Glazing & Oil Fired Central Heating
- Rear Gardens Extending To Approx 110ft
- Off Street Parking
- Subject To An EDDC Housing Restriction
- Energy Rating E



ALEXANDRA ROAD £154,950

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Reception Room Victorian End Terraced House
- Retaining Much Character Including Sash Windows, Doors And Feature Open Fireplaces
- In Need Of Modernisation and Updating Offering Superb Potential
- Opportunity For Off Road Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Energy Rating E



SECTOR LANE £92,950

- 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Retirement Apartment
- Electric Heating & uPVC Double Glazing
- Individual Patio Leading Onto The Communal Garden
- House Manager & Carline Pull Cord System
- Subject To An Age Occupancy Restriction
- Energy Rating C



BOXFIELD ROAD £189,950

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Reception Room Semi Detached Family Home
- Character Features - Cast Iron Fireplaces, Picture Rails, Stripped Wooden Flooring
- Gas Fired Central Heating, uPVC glazing
- Enclosed Front & Rear Gardens
- Potential For Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D

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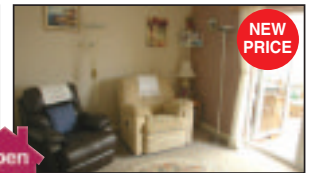
AXMINSTER **£239,950 FOR THE EASTER WEEKEND ONLY!**
An opportunity to purchase a character cottage, yet still have easy access to the facilities on offer in Axminster. This home offers all the comforts of modern life but retains the charm of a bygone age. Complete with a garage and secret garden, this property demands viewing to be fully appreciated. Energy Rating: D



AXMINSTER **£199,950**
Don't be fooled by the appearance to the front of this interesting 2 bedroom property, behind the front door lies a spacious and unusual property with the benefits of double glazing throughout, gas central heating, a conservatory to the rear and NO ONWARD CHAIN. Energy rating: Awaited



AXMINSTER **£205,000**
A well presented three bedroom link detached home conveniently located within walking distance to the facilities on offer in the market town of Axminster. This property comes to the market with the benefits of gas central heating, double glazing and a south facing rear garden. Energy Rating: C



AXMINSTER **£270,000 FOR THE EASTER WEEKEND ONLY!**
A well presented detached bungalow, situated at the end of a cul-de-sac, within walking distance of the facilities that the town of Axminster has to offer. This home benefits from double glazing, gas central heating, enclosed level rear garden, parking and a garage. Energy Rating: D



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AXMINSTER **£129,950 FOR THE EASTER WEEKEND ONLY!**
A recently refurbished cottage conveniently located within walking distance of the facilities on offer in the heart of Axminster. Ideal as an investment, second home or as a first time purchase, this home also has the added benefit of NO ONWARD CHAIN. Energy Rating: D



COLYTON **£139,950**
This charming cottage is situated close to the heart of the market town of Colyton, and would make an ideal purchase for a first time buyer, investor opportunity or lock up and leave second home. The property is double glazed throughout, and also benefits from gas central heating. Energy Rating: D



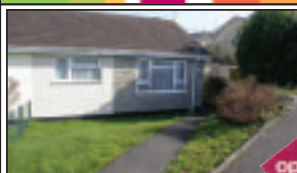
SMALLRIDGE **£440,000 FOR THE EASTER WEEKEND ONLY!**
A well proportioned detached house in a favoured village location. The garden, amounting to 2/3 of an acre, wraps around the property creating a haven of peace and tranquility. Countryside walks can be enjoyed within minutes, and the facilities on offer in Axminster are a short drive away. Energy Rating: E



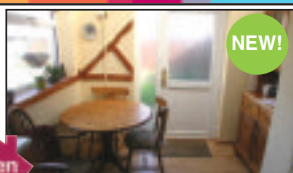
RAYMOND'S HILL **£399,950**
A detached three bedroom bungalow situated in a quality location just outside the market town of Axminster. This home is surrounded by well maintained gardens with views over the Axe Valley to the rear. Energy Rating: F



RURAL AXMINSTER **£395,000**
A detached chalet bungalow situated in a fine rural setting surrounded by open farmland. The location itself gives potential purchasers the luxury of a rural location but the benefit of being only a short drive from the facilities that Axminster has to offer. Energy Rating: F



AXMINSTER **£174,950**
A semi-detached two bedroom bungalow in a convenient location only a short walk from all the amenities of the market town of Axminster. The property has been recently redecorated and benefits from double glazing, gas central heating, garage and parking as well as an enclosed garden to the rear. Energy rating: D



AXMINSTER **£175,000**
A semi detached immaculate presented three bedroom family home located on the northern edge of Axminster. The property benefits from two parking spaces to the rear of the property and a good sized family garden for a property of its age. Energy Rating: C



AXMINSTER **£269,950**
A well presented detached bungalow situated on a level plot on the southern edge of the market town of Axminster. Accommodation comprises briefly of an entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, cloakroom/utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Energy rating: D



AXMINSTER **£129,950**
A two bedroom semi-detached modern home situated in a popular residential area, with easy access to the facilities on offer in the market town of Axminster. This property would be ideal as either an investment property or as a first time buy. Energy rating: F



AXMINSTER **£177,500**
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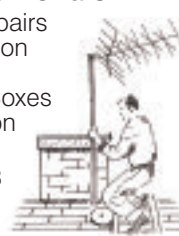
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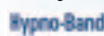
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Neil McIntee, editor of VansA2Z.com, said of the D-Max: "There's a seemingly endless supply of torque from the 2.5 litre commonrail diesel engine, a full choice of body styles and trim levels; it's an accomplished mud-plugger, it can match load capabilities with the best, and its external dimensions make it feel nimble to drive. The icing on the cake is the generous five year/125,000-mile warranty."

The judges' full citation is at: <http://vansa2z.com/Vans-of-the-Year-Awards-2013-Pick-Up>

William Brown, Isuzu UK General Manager, commented: "This is a terrific accomplishment for Isuzu in a very competitive market, and demonstrates just how well the D-Max balances its tough and rugged capabilities with exceptional every day refinement. We've worked hard in the UK to ensure the vehicle's strong attributes are matched by its pioneering warranty, impressive standard specifications, low contract hire rates and high residual values. It's very gratifying to see those efforts recognised with this award."

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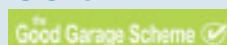
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Exmouth Amateurs	19	11
Budleigh Salterton	22	11

Division One	Pld	Pts
Chard Town	17	40
Sidbury United	17	35
Bow AAC	13	31
Wellington Town	19	31
Heavitree SC	19	29
Witheridge	16	27
University	15	27
Tiverton Town	11	26
Alphington	17	19
East Budleigh	18	18
Tipton St John	14	8
Culm United	4	6
Cullompton Rangers	13	2
Colyton	13	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elmore	17	45
Beacon Knights	16	40
Dawlish United	18	33
Bickleigh	15	32
Halwill	15	23
Pinhoe	11	23
Colaton Raleigh	11	15
Honiton Town	8	15
Westex Rovers	16	15
Exeter Civil Service	11	11
Topsham Town	11	11
Sidmouth Town Res	15	11*
Clyst Valley	14	11
Chagford	14	10

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Dolphin	16	41
Newtown	18	37
Crediton United	16	36
Newton St Cyres	17	36
University	17	35
Lymptone	19	35
South Zeal United	15	27
Uptonery	18	26
Hemyock	15	21
Tedburn St Mary	13	20
Thorverton	19	20
Offwell Rangers	19	15
North Tawton	21	14
Ottery St Mary	17	13
Bickleigh	17	13
Sandford	18	7

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Heavitree SC	18	43
Chumleigh	18	35
Woodbury	17	32
Axminster Town	20	31
University	17	30
Exmouth Amateurs	17	27
Newtown	23	26
Axmouth United	15	21
Exmouth Town Res	19	21
Lords XI	17	20
Bampton	15	20
Okehampton Argyle	16	12
Seaton Town Res	18	10*

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Cheriton Fitzpaine	16	42
Culm United	15	30
Hatherleigh Town	16	29
Topsham Town	17	26
Awliscombe United	15	26
Sampford Peverell	17	26
Exmuntess Wear	16	25
Bow AAC	18	24
Beer Albion Res	21	22
Clyst Valley	15	19
Lapford	17	16
Westex Rovers	19	15
Uplowman Athletic	16	13
St Martins	15	12

Division Six	Pld	Pts
Dawlish United	16	37
Feniton	16	36
Amory Park Rangers	15	34
Dunkeswell	17	23
Silverton	19	28
Topsham Town	19	26
Stoke Hill	25	20
Morchard Bishop	21	21
East Budleigh Res	16	20
Langdon	12	19
Amory Argyle	14	19
Exwick Village	12	18
Priory	15	10
Chagford	17	9
North Tawton	14	-1*

Division Seven	Pld	Pts
Fluxton	17	38
Halwill	12	33
Starcross Generals	19	32
Tipton St John	17	31
Ottery	16	29
Ottery St Mary Res	20	25
Honiton Town Res	14	24
Newton St Cyres	14	23
Lymptone	20	23
Colaton Raleigh Res	14	20
Met Office	15	20
Tedburn St Mary	13	18
Open Space Int.	16	12
Cheriton Fitzpaine	20	9

Division Eight	Pld	Pts
Alphington 3rds	16	33
Newtown 4ths	18	33
Bickleigh Res	13	26
Bampton Res	16	26
Langdon 3rds	12	26
Pinhoe Res	12	24
Colyton Res	18	24
Sidbury United Res	15	22*
Woodbury Res	12	22
Offwell Rangers Res	15	20
Hemyock Res	15	20
Lapford Res	16	15
Sandford Res	18	10
Winkleigh Res	15	8
Follygate & Inward'gh	16	5

*Pts deducted

Deluge disrupts fixture list again

MATCH REPORTS

HINTON 0 MILLWEY RISE 5

Bill Bailey cup semi-final

MILLWEY Rise Reserves booked their place in final number two of the season after a comfortable victory at Hinton St George, in Saturday's Bill Bailey Cup semi-final.

Rise looked comfortable throughout the 90 minutes and were 3-0 up at half-time, thanks to two goals from centre-back Carl German and a goal from winger Mark Pike.

The visitors scored two further goals in the second-half through a penalty converted by Keith Forsey and well-directed header from Marc Jenkins.

Millwey later found out that they will be facing Combe A in the final at Beaminster FC on Thursday, April 18th after the Saints beat Chard United Reserves 5-1 in the other semi-final.

This is a repeat of last year's final that Combe won 2-1.

The reserves' next game is their re-arranged John Fowler Cup Final at Bridport FC against Ilminster Town A on Thursday, March 28th (7pm KO).

Round-up RESULTS

FOLLY GATE & INWARDLEIGH prop up the entire Devon & Exeter League in Division 8 but they almost pulled off a staggering recovery at home to NEW-TOWN 4ths the new joint league leaders.

Trailing 6-2 at the break and 8-2 with 15 minutes remaining, the Gatemens with the benefit of a hailstorm then hit back.

The score snowballed and as full time was reached Folly Gate were just frozen out 8-7.

For a relieved Newtown, Adam Smith hit four goals with doubles from Ross Clothworthy and Fergal O'Rourke. Don Ford, Liam Wilkins, Corey Burns all scored twice, Greg Jones once.

Meanwhile Premier leaders HATHERLEIGH TOWN were able to down one of their main rivals HEAVITREE SOCIAL UNITED 2-0 to reach the 50 points mark. Jack Hayman and Dean Rice, scored from a corner kick, scored for Hatherleigh.

Second placed FENITON scraped in 2-1 against THORVERTON

but really made it hard work against a Thors side which never stopped running. Dave O'Connor and Charlie Selley with a free-kick scored for Feniton, Marcus Riggs getting one back.

MORCHARD BISHOP found their scoring touch as they swept aside BEER ALBION 6-0. Kenny Ord notched four goals with singles from Matt Woodward and Jonathan Bradford.

TOPSHAM TOWN had to work hard to beat EXMOUTH AMATEURS 1-0, their only goal in the early part of the second half coming from Rian Antat.

WELLINGTON TOWN climbed into fourth place in Division 2 after their narrow 2-1 victory at WITHERIDGE, Nathan Thomas and Mitch Woodgates scoring, while EAST BUDLEIGH and CULM UNITED shared a 2-2 draw in the other game played in this section.

Darrell Berner and an own goal earned a deserved point for Culm.

Only one match survived the elements in Division 2 but it was a big day for PINHOE who edged BEACON KNIGHTS 3-2.

Liam Ward (2) and Dean Voaden with a penalty won it for the pins.

DOLPHIN opened a four point cushion as Division 3 leaders with a 3-2 win against HEMYOCK. Jimmy Lee-Shaw (2) and Rikki Carpenter were the Dolphin marksmen.

CREDITON switched their game to opponents LYMPSTONE only to lose out 5-4 in a thriller. Jamie Parsons scored twice for Crediton.

Bottom of the table SANDFORD shocked OTTERY ST MARY 1-0, but NORTH TAWTON won their basement game against WINKLEIGH 4-1. Ben Mardon was the Winks scorer.

HEAVITREE SOCIAL UNITED are almost promoted from Division 4 after their 4-2 win against AXMOUTH UNITED, and received a boost to their title hopes when rivals CHULMLEIGH suffered a 3-2 reverse to lowly BAMPOTON.

WOODBURY are into the promotion frame following a 3-1 win

against the LORDS XI having been behind as well. Julian Wills scored for the visitors, but Alex Hughes equalised and the Woodicks added further goals from Andy Bennett and Micheal Simpson.

In Division 5 bottom of the table ST MARTINS followed up last weeks success with a startling 7-1 win at LAPFORD.

TOPSHAM TOWN earned a point from a 1-1 draw with WESTEXE ROVERS thanks to a Ryan Willey penalty.

AMORY PARK RANGERS won 3-1 at SILVERTON in the only Division 6 match played. John Buckland was the Silvers scorer.

Division 7 leaders FLUXTON beat a sporting CHERITON FITZPAINE 5-0 with Will Bidder netting four goals, and have now stormed five points clear of the pack.

RESULTS

FRESH DEVON & EXETER

PREMIER

Feniton 2, Thorverton 1.
Hatherleigh 2, Heavitree Social 0.
Morchard Bish 6, Beer Albion 0.
Topsham Tn 1, Exmouth Amats 0.

DIVISION ONE

East Budleigh 2, Culm Utd 2.
Wetheridge 1, Wellington Tn 2.

DIVISION TWO

Pinhoe 3, Beacon Knights 2.

DIVISION THREE

Dolphin 3, Hemyock 2.

Lymptone 5, Crediton 4.

North Tawton 4, Winkleigh 1.

Ottery St Mary 0, Sandford 1.

DIVISION FOUR

Chulmleigh 2, Bampton 3.

Heavitree Social 4, Axmouth 2.

Woodbury 3, Lords XI 1.

DIVISION FIVE

Bow AAC 2, Beer Albion 0.

Lapford 1, St Martins 7.

Topsham Tn 1, Westex Rovers 1.

DIVISION SIX

Silverton 1, Amory Park Rgs 3.

DIVISION SEVEN

Fluxton 5, Cheriton Fitzpaine 0.

DIVISION EIGHT

Folly Gate 7, Newtown 8.

All other matches postponed

FIXTURES

FRESH DEVON & EXETER

(kick-offs 3pm, unless stated)

PREMIER

Budleigh Salterton v Feniton.
Clyst Valley v Exmouth Amateurs.
Hatherleigh Tn v St Martins.
Morchard Bishop v Heavitree SU
Thorverton v Willand Rov.
University v Topsham Tn.

DIVISION ONE

Alphington v Sidbury Utd.
Bow AAC v Tipton St John.
Culm Utd v East Budleigh.
Heavitree SU v Wetheridge.
University v Cullompton Rgs.
Wellington Tn v Tiverton Tn.

DIVISION TWO

Beacon Knights v Westex Rovers.
Chagford v Pinhoe.
Colaton Raleigh v Halwill.
Dawlish Utd v Clyst Valley.
Honiton Tn v Exeter Civil Service.

Sidmouth Tn v Elmore.

Topsham Tn v Bickleigh.

DIVISION THREE

Crediton Utd v North Tawton.
Hemyock v South Zeal Utd.
Lymptone v Thorverton.
Newtown v Dolphin.
Ottery St Mary v Newton St Cys.
Sandford v Winkleigh.

Tedburn St Mary v Offwell Rgs.

University v Uptonery.

DIVISION FOUR

Axmouth Utd v Seaton Tn.
Bampton v Woodbury.
Exmouth Amat v Chulmleigh.
Lord's v Okehampton Argyle.
University v Heavitree Social Utd.

DIVISION FIVE

Beer Albion v Awliscombe Utd.
Clyst Valley v Topsham Tn.
Countess Wear Dyn v Bow AAC.
Hatherleigh Tn v Lapford.
Sampford Peverell v Uplowman St Martins v Culm Utd.
Westex Rovers v Cheriton Fitz

DIVISION SIX

Amory Argyle v Priory.
Dunkeswell v Amory Park Rgs.
Feniton v Stoke Hill.
North Tawton v Morchard Bish.
Silverton v Chagford.
Topsham Tn v Exwick Village.

DIVISION SEVEN

Cheriton Fitz v Ottery St Mary.
Halwill v Honiton Tn.
Met Office v Colaton Raleigh.
Open Space v Newton St Cyres.
dburn St Mary v Lymptone
Tipton St John v Fluxton.

DIVISION EIGHT

Alphington v Folly Gate.
Bickleigh v Newtown.
Colyton v Sandford.
Pinhoe v Hemyock.

SW PENINSULA DIV 1 (E)

DIVISION ONE (EAST)	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Exmouth Town	20	17	3	0	48	54
Newton Abbot Spurs	21	13	4	4	23	43
Budleigh Salterton	23	13	3	7	8	42
Stoke Gabriel	18	12	3	3	37	39
Appledore	21	12	3	6	20	39
Teignmouth	24	11	3	10	6	36
Galmpton United	21	10	1	10	-10	31
Axminster Town	19	8	4	7	-1	28
Exeter Civil Service	20	7	6	7	-5	27
Okehampton Argyle	19	7	4	8	-5	25
Exeter University	17	6	6	5	-5	24
Totnes & Dartington	19	6	3	10	0	21
Alphington	19	6	2	11	-17	20
Plymstock United	21	4	2	15	-24	14
Crediton United	19	3	1	15	-43	10
Sidmouth Town	21	0	4	17	-32	4

Perry Street League

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Winsham United	11	8	3	0	14	27
Beaminster	14	7	4	3	6	25
Combe Reserves	15	7	3	5	6	24
Crewkerne Town	12	7	0	5	6	21
Lyme Regis	11	6	2	3	12	20
Perry Street	10	4	2	4	-4	14
Millwey Rise	7	4	2	1	9	13
South Petherton	12	4	0	8	-9	12
Shepton Beau	13	2	5	6	-12	11
Ilminster Town Res	10	1	3	6	-10	6
Farway United	11	0	3	8	-18	3

DIV 3

Winsham Utd Res	15	11	1	3	30	34
Luso-Chard	13	11	1	1	31	31*
Combe A	13	10	1	2	25	31
Drimpton	12	7	2	3	17	23
Ilminster Town A	16	7	2	7	8	23

Sidbury Utd v Langdon.

Winkleigh v Lapford.

Woodbury v Bampton.

EAST DEVON

SENIOR CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Newtown v Seaton Tn

(2pm).

Exmouth Amats or

Morchard Bishop

v Tiverton Tn (2pm).

BILL SLEE CUP

QUARTER-FINALS

Tedburn or Newtown v

Crediton Utd

racing point-to-point

Cotley celebrates 60 years of racing

COMMENCING at 1.30pm on Easter Saturday (March 30th), the annual Cotley Point-to-Point will celebrate 60 years of outstanding amateur steeplechasing at one of the West Country's most charismatic racing venues, Cotley Farm, near Chard (TA20 3EP).

One of the highlights of this year's race meeting is an additional special restricted flat race in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance charity.

Open only to Cotley Hunt members riding their hunters, this promises to be a true amateur race, albeit a hotly contested one.

Vyvyan Eames, who owns and farms the Cotley Estate and who has been Chairman of the Point-to-Point for over 35 years, said: "We already have ten entries for the sponsored charity flat race and as a result we are hoping to raise well over £1,000 for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. It's a mixed field of all shapes and sizes and includes two well known local pensioners."

Preview of runners in the Cotley Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Charity Flat Race

Entries in this race are restricted to Cotley Hunt subscribers riding horses that have hunted a minimum of five days and who have never won a race under any recognised racing authority.

All horses will carry a minimum weight of 12st 7lb and riders must wear hunting dress and racing helmets.

Each rider must have raised £100 minimum in sponsorship and there will be a special prize for the rider who has raised the highest amount.

What's on the Cotley race card?

IN addition to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance charity race, the six main races on the 2013 Cotley Diamond Jubilee race card will be: 2 1/2 mile maiden for horses aged 4-7 years, Mixed open (ladies and gentlemen riders), Open Maiden over 3 miles for horses aged five years and over

Countryside Alliance Club race for horses that have not won a race in the past two years, Cotley Hunt members race, Restricted race for horses that have never won an open, intermediate or restricted race under Turf Authority rules.

Preview of local Wessex trainers/horses

LOCAL Wessex trainers with horses that might be running at the Cotley Point-to-Point includes:

Richard Barber, from Beaminster, with Glass'n A Half, Barneys Mate, According to John and Mustangsallyrally.

Gordon Herrod, from Axminster, with Feel The Beat, Dalmation and Mullins Mill.

Sue Popham, from Wellington, with Carlos Gargel, Only The Best, Getaway Driver and Swanbrook.

Jane Western, from Forde Abbey near Chard, with Last Minute Notice, Shootin The Breeze and Gypsy Jack.

Colin and Julie Bright, from Combe St Nicholas near Chard, with Some Slam, ridden by Michael Legg (who is a jockey to look out for).

Marilyn Burrough, from Yeovil, with Denise's Dip, On Oath, Standing Order and Jam Tomorrow. Charlotte Tizzard, from Trowbridge, with Coombe Hill, Little Cornham and Parstara.

Sally Alner, from Okeford Fitzpaine, with Master Medic and Jayne's Crusader.

Mary Tory, from Blandford, with Miss Midnight, Crank Hill, Battle Bridge and Cantabilly.

Caroline Hobbs, from Sutton Veny, with Brahmagiri and Rokshi.

Robert and Nicky Atkinson, from Cattistock, with Russian Rain, Spring Lord and Regal Spider - sharing the rides will be Martin and Catherine Atkinson.



■ OVER TOGETHER: Action from last year's Cotley Point-to-Point.

golf news and scores from Axe Cliff and Honiton

Close finish in Sun-Am quarters

AXE CLIFF with Janet Dack
SENIORS

THE final round of the Seniors' Winter League Programme produced the anticipated close finish.

Needing 36 points to win, the partnership of Rob Heard & Hugh Willis duly obliged winning by one point from early pacemakers Chris Walker & Nick Povey.

Final totals were 212 for the winners and 211 for the runners-up.

In third place with 209 points Terry Jessup & Jack Bannister. On the final day Peter Rollason & Dave Sammons produced the best round of the Winter scoring 42 points.

Second with 38 points were Mick Tomes & Geoff Hubbard while three teams amassed 37 points. They were Malcolm Glass & John White, Sid Pember & Neil Moorcraft and Terry Jessup & Jack Bannister.

Rob Heard, Terry Jessup and Neil Moorcraft all carded twos.

MAIN CLUB

THE Main Club played their Winter League in bitterly cold conditions on Sunday, March 10th.

The winners, with a net 62 were Anthony and Andrew Hellier. Second place went to Steve Anning and Richard Gibbons with a net

63 and in third place Club Captain Basil Dean and Paul Curtin with a net 64.

Dave Morgan, Gavin Seward, Theo Boalch and Mike Cottam all carded twos.

Players from Axe Cliff Golf Club have had great success in Spain recently.

Helen (14) and Alan Kenworthy (6) with Christian Vine (Woodbury professional) and Will Godfrey (16, Stover) entered the Golf Escapes Sotagrande PGA Pro-am in association with the PGA (South Region) tournament at the end of February.

The play was Medal format with 3/4 handicap allowance played in two locations, Torrequebrada and Santana golf courses, in teams of four with the best two scores to count.

After four days of golf in sun, but with a very cold wind, our local four ended up in first place 27 under par!

HONITON with Andy Wagner

Sun-Am Quarter-Finals

THREE of the four Sun-Am Quarter-Finals were decided at a canter but the fourth turned out to be a 'battle Royal' of Ryder Cup proportions!

Julian Netherway & Derek Richards took the first hole from John Marchant & Andy Wagner with an opening birdie three.

They then lost the second to par but regained the third with another birdie. So the match went on until Wagner & Marchant got their noses in front at last on the 15th.

Dramatically, they held this one-hole lead all the way to the 18th where Wagner had a 6' putt to close the game. It lipped-out leaving Richards with a similar putt to take the hole and halve the match.

It was slotted home leaving the teams to start all over again down the first.

This time 1 and 2 were halved with nervy pars with the dramatic finale coming on the third extra hole.

Wagner & Marchant contrived to get closest after three shots leaving Netherway with a 20' putt from the fringe to keep the game alive. He jammed the flag and sunk it for a four.

Now it was Marchant who had 6' to halve the hole. Unfortunately the pressure told and he slid it narrowly down the side.

The semi finals have Netherway & Richards playing Richard Beard & Steve Charlton with Mark Gillard & Rob Willey playing Bob Cleal & Jim Wallis.

Ladies Mail on Sunday Classic

HONITON Ladies played their 2nd round of the 'Mail on Sunda' Classic at Honiton against

Lyme Regis last Friday.

Jackie Seager (team captain), Sue Ritchie, Jane Watts, Tricia Swindell and Henrietta Bradshaw battled through another afternoon of wind and rain.

With the first three matchplay matches concluding with one win and two losses the last two matches really took the competition to the wire, both finishing on the 18th green for a half, giving the result of a loss 3/2.

SENIORS SECTION

SIXTY FIVE Seniors competed for their Stableford and Eclectic.

Only three players did better than par - Pete Morgan scored 40 points to win Division one, just ahead of Andy Sharland on 39. Chris Street also beat par with a 38, followed by Vic Wood and Paul Ritchie, who made a two on the 12th hole.

Andy had his winter handicap cut by one. George Smith won Division two with a 36 and had his handicap cut by two.

Alan Booth was runner-up on 35, beating Bill Giles on countback. Mike Hunt and Ron Cooper took the last prizes. Jim Wallis and John Ward shared the balls with Paul Ritchie for their twos on the tenth and second holes respectively.

scrum down rugby round-up

Cup final eludes Chiefs as Barnstaple show their class

WITH WILL MOWBRAY

Sidmouth 12 Barnstaple 41

THE gulf between the South West league and National Three was shown by this comfortable win, which sees Barnstaple progress to the final of the Devon Senior Cup.

On a wet, slippery surface mistakes were inevitable, Barnstaple made fewer and, crucially dominated the scrums. They opted to play with the stiff breeze at their backs in the first-half and, with a monopoly of possession, kept the Chiefs pinned inside their own half for much of the time.

The visitors looked certain to open the scoring after eight minutes, when they created an overlap for the right winger, but a superb last ditch tackle by Ben Dobson denied him.

However, they maintained the attacking position to earn a five metre scrum. After four resets the referee lost patience with the Sidmouth front row and awarded a penalty try and a yellow card to James Perry. The try was converted. Barnstaple used their extra man to good effect, when they ran back a wayward clearance kick to create a try for the outside centre.

The Chiefs showed some defensive heroics with Sam Meadham tackling man and ball to stifle a two-man overlap, and James Powell falling on the ball under his own posts to clear up a dangerous kick ahead. However they could not prevent two more tries. The right winger profited from a break by the number seven and the full-back finished off a move following a turnover at a ruck just outside the Sidmouth 22.

Showing commendable spirit, the Chiefs had their best spell at the end of the half to keep the ball through many phases as they pressed on the Barum line. Tom Whelan and Sam Meadham both went close before Matt Farrington provided the scoring pass to Jack Pyne. The try was unconverted making the half-time score 5-22.

Despite now playing into the breeze, the Barnstaple pack dominated proceedings to keep play in the Sidmouth half. After five minutes they mauled their way over for their fifth try.

The Chiefs produced a good handling move to take play into the opposing 22, but could not sustain the position. Following a number of scrums near the Sidmouth line, during which Matt Lovesy was yellow carded, Barnstaple eventually scored a pushover try, which was converted.

The Chiefs managed to work their way into an attacking position and this time scored a well-deserved second try. Matt Farrington followed up a Dan Retter chip ahead to profit from a bounce off the post to pick up and dive over. Tom Whelan kicked the conversion.

Barnstaple added a seventh try in injury time,

when the right winger won the chase for a diagonal kick. The conversion was the final decisive act of the game.

this weekend

On Saturday the Chiefs entertain Chard kicking off at 3pm. A win should end any remaining threat of relegation.

The Quins travel to Tiverton for a Merit Table game.

The Colts travel to Okehampton for a top-of-the-table clash. The winner will be favourite to win the Merit Table.

Bad day at the office for the Lacemen Credition 17 Honiton 3

FOLLOWING very heavy rain and many games having already been called off, Honiton were somewhat surprised that their semi-final cup match against Credition was still on!

On arrival they were greeted with another downpour which meant conditions were to say the least, going to be challenging. When rugby is like this the conditions are a big leveler and on a day when it was an achievement to just be able to catch a pass, rugby goes out of the window and it just becomes a mud wrestle.

Having said that the conditions were the same for both sides and it was Credition who adapted to the situation the best and had a heavier pack who rumbled better in the mud.

Honiton did start brightly and pressed the home line on numerous occasions but a stout defence and the inevitable handling errors often pushed them back. Credition capitalised on Honiton infringements and good kicking by the Credition fly-half saw them able to set up a Maul and score for the first points of the game. Ben Webber narrowed the deficit with a penalty but Credition scored again with a similar try in the same position.

Honiton had it all to do in the second-half and as the conditions underfoot worsened, you couldn't really tell who was on whose side the game moved into farce territory. Even the ref was plastered in mud!

In the slog Credition rumbled over again to put the game beyond Honiton's grasp and despite Honiton huffing and puffing they were unable score and went down by 17-3.

Credition were worthy winners it must be said and Honiton just didn't rise to the occasion but it wasn't really a day for rugby. Then to make the day even worse a cheer up session watching England was going to be just the tonic but as we know the result just rounded off what was a bad day for Honiton!

Twos lose to top of the league
Honiton Seconds 0 Credition Seconds 27

ON another wet and muddy afternoon at All-hallows, Honiton seconds lost out to top of the table Credition 27-0. There were doubts in the morning over whether the pitch was playable and the decision was made to go ahead.

Honiton elected to play up the slope first-half but got off to a poor start, conceding early after a good set play for the visitors of a lineout. It was clear that Credition were a well drilled team and they put this to good use, scoring a further two tries in a one sided first half.

Going down the slope in the second-half, the lacemen were more of a threat and more than matched their opposition.

Honiton saw a bit of ball and used it well but could not cross over the sacred white line. Credition scored a further two tries with one conversion to leave it 27-0.

One clear difference throughout was that the Credition team obviously trained and played regularly together, and this has been the major downfall of the Lacemens second string this year.

However, it should also be noted that Credition have put some big scores on other teams this year, most notably local rivals Culmpton, so the result could have been worse.

this weekend

On Saturday Honiton travel to Kingsbridge in a West Counties West fixture.

The seconds entertain Kingsbridge second team at All-hallows in a Devon Senior Merit Division two game.

RESULTS

Saturday, March 9th
Devon Senior Cup Semi-Final
Sidmouth 12 - 41 Barnstaple
Tribute Western Counties West
Credition 17 - 3 Honiton
Devon Senior Merit Table Division 1
Sidmouth Seconds 16 - 5 Topsham
Devon Senior Merit Table Division 2
Honiton Seconds 0 - 27 Credition Seconds

FIXTURES

Saturday, March 16th
Tribute South West 1 West
Sidmouth v Chard
Tribute Western Counties West
Kingsbridge v Honiton
Devon Senior Merit Table Division 1
Tiverton v Sidmouth Seconds
Devon Senior Merit Table Division 2
Honiton Seconds v Kingsbridge

east devon short mat bowls

By Chris Young
BEER gained a point from their final game at Sidbury, a result which did not change the positions in division 1.

Of the three winners in division 2 West Hill, 7-1, were already assured of top place. Membury, 5-3 away, remain in fifth place.

Awliscombe A won 5-3 to clinch the runners-up spot.

In the afternoon league Colyton won 6-2 and are now in third place with one match to play and second place still a possibility.

In division 2 Lyme Regis, 5-3, and Hemycok, 6-2, each gained a place moving up to third and fourth respectively. In division 3 Colyton B won 8-0 and gained three places to third.

In the knock-out cup Beer moved through to the semi-final where they will meet either Uppottery or Colyton B.

Evening 1	Pld	Diff	Pts
Colyton.....	10	122	14
Musbury.....	9	7	12
Beer.....	10	108	11
Uppottery.....	9	17	9
Sidbury.....	8	2	8
Seaton Cliff.....	10	-256	2

Evening 2	Pld	Diff	Pts
West Hill.....	10	223	18
Awliscombe A.....	10	54	11
Sidford.....	10	-51	11
Sidbury B.....	9	65	8
Membury.....	9	-111	8
Awliscombe B.....	10	-180	2

Afternoon 1	Pld	Diff	Pts
Awliscombe.....	10	68	12
Uppottery.....	10	-18	11
Colyton.....	9	-22	10
Beer.....	10	122	9
St Teresa's.....	10	-53	8
Musbury.....	9	-97	8

Afternoon 2	Pld	Diff	Pts
Seaton Cliff A.....	9	121	13
Seaton Cliff B.....	10	38	13
Sidford.....	9	5	8
Lyme Regis.....	8	-41	7
Hemycok.....	8	-36	6
Seaton Cliff D.....	8	-87	5

Afternoon 3	Pld	Diff	Pts
Chard B.....	10	349	16
Sidbury.....	9	39	11
Colyton B.....	10	-145	8
Chard A.....	9	4	7
Seaton Cliff C.....	8	-60	7
Hemycok B.....	8	-77	7

karate seaton shotokan Progressing nicely

STUDENTS from Seaton Shotokan Karate Club have had successful results, after recently grading at the 'Newton Abbot' Dojo.

Hatty Tremlett, Sid Miller, as well as Daisy and Finn Graysmark, achieved 9th kyu, (orange belt). Pictured below with the students are 'Sensei's' John Burke and Jim Harvey.

Jim teaches at Seaton Martial Arts Centre, Scalwell Lane, Seaton.

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netball honiton league Flamingos and Hi Q clinch league titles

RESULTS: (Division One): *Flamingos 40 Met Office Weather Girls 11.*

WITH Flamingos against Weather Girls the only game in division one, it was all down to Flamingos to retain their 100 per cent record and gain the points that would earn them the title again.

With Charlie Warwick playing well they raced into an 11-1 lead at quarter time and from there they never looked back.

Although the Weather Girls worked hard, with Sophie Littlejohn doing especially well, Flamingos were always in control and their 40-11 win put them in an unassailable position and gave them the title once more.

Div One	Pld	GD	Pts
Flamingos	14	335	42
OPG	14	298	36
Upplowman	13	78	24
Signs SWest	13	-46	19*
Met Office WG	14	-196	11*
Tip Top Trees	14	-472	2

Division Two: *Otter Valley Dairy 17 Water Babies 11, Howden Hawks 17 Sidmouth Toucans 32, Hi Q 31 JD Tyres 26.*

HI Q made it 17 wins out of 17 starts to confirm themselves as division 2 champions with a close 31-26 win over JD Tyres.

It was the Tyres who got off to the best start with a 6-4 lead at quarter time.

But with Bev Parris having another good game for Hi Q, they had moved into a 17-13 lead at half way.

With Amy Phillips urging them on, JD went goal-for-goal with Hi Q in

the third period to be 22-26 behind going into the final session.

The final quarter was another close call with Hi Q holding on to win by 31-26.

Sidmouth Toucans had got off to a slow start this season, but they started tonight with a run of eight wins stretching back to start of 2013.

Against Howden Hawks they needed a win to ensure a second place finish and a place in the top flight next winter.

They started well and led 9-3 at quarter time, extending their lead to 17-7 at halfway thanks to good work from Anna Rowson.

Despite the best efforts of Meg Falkner at centre for Hawks, the Toucans continued to dominate and they finished the game with a 32-17 win to clinch second place.

The third game of the night saw the two new sides up against one another in their third encounter, with honours even to date.

In a close contest with Charlotte Broom playing well for Otter Valley Dairy, and Stacey Squires in good form for Water Babies it was OVD who came out on top with a 17-11 victory.

Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Hi Q	17	471	51
Sidm'th Toucans	17	185	41
Pixies	17	4	33
JD Tyres	18	90	31*
Howden Hawks	16	-190	21
Otter Valley Dairy	16	-198	13
Water Babies	17	-362	6

(* points deducted)

youth football extra Bright future for young Tyler

TWO locally-based young footballers are making great strides in the Exeter City Football Club Academy.

Seven-year-old Tyler Dibling from Millwey Rise has made several appearances for the young Grecians under 9s team including run-outs against Arsenal, Torquay United and Southampton.

Colyton ADC (Advance centre manager) Keith Somers said: "Tyler started with us at Colyton last season but quickly progressed to the academy."

"Lewis Williams from Ilminster also joined us last season as an under 13 and we helped him through with some confidence issues."

"After a few months with us he progressed to the Exeter performance centre, before securing a contract in December with the academy U14s where he is now settling in very nicely."

"We also have Tony Pinder and Ben Goodier at the performance centre, which is best described as a halfway house to the ECFC Academy. These two are working hard to



■ **TALENTED:** Tyler Dibling (blue shirt) in action against Arsenal last month.

gain an academy place.

"With two more lads currently on trial at performance level we are relatively successful in pushing young talent forward to the next level."

"We are constantly on the lookout

for young talent between six and 14, and are also hoping to start a Girls section from ages 11 to 16."

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skittles results and tables from around the leagues

AXMINSTER Mens League

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion RD	22	32
Lamb Spartans	22	32
Ax Con Club Rebels	22	30
B&Gs	21	26
Lamb A	22	26
Old Inn Kiln A	22	22
Gerrard A	22	20
Axe Inn Jokers	22	19
Colcombe A	22	18
Kings Arms Stock A	21	18
Thorncombe Drift	22	18
Underlays	22	17
Harbour Feds	22	16
Thorncombe B	22	12

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Carpetbaggers GA	20	26
Red Lion D	20	26
White Hart Wilm A	21	25
Gerrard D	20	24
Axevale Stars	21	24
Tuckers C	20	24
Axminster Inn A	20	20
Thorncombe A	19	18
Old Inn Kiln B	20	18
Lamb C	21	18
Axe Con Club A	19	15
New Inn Kiln C	21	14
Red Lion C	20	12

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Hawk Halfcuts	19	26
Tuckers B	20	25
Kings Arms Seaton A	20	24
Colcombe B	19	22
Lamb D	22	22
Old Inn Hawk B	20	22
Tuckers Maggots	19	21
Old Inn Hawk A	19	21
New Inn Z	19	16
George C Stock	18	14
Ship Spreaders	19	13
Gerrard B	16	10
Seaton Town FC	18	10

Division Four	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kiln A	18	30
Red Lion B	18	27
Axminster Inn B	19	26
New Inn Kiln Hawks	19	21
Kingfisher Nomads	17	20
Old Inn Hawk IV	17	18
Tuckers A	18	18
Harbour Rotary	18	17
PJs Social Club	18	14
Gerrard C	19	12
Kingfisher A	18	9
Seaton BC A	19	6

LADIES	Pld	Pts
Knockout Cup Final		
Red Lion A 299 (J.Flint 58)		
Lamb A 307 (M.Ellis 61)		

Salisbury Cup Final	Pld	Pts
Kings Army Seaton 296 (K.Lloyd-Hughes 55)		
Thorncombe A 315 (B.Harding 60)		

League Results (11th March)	Pld	Pts
Division 1: Ax Inn A 308 (M		

Powell 60) v Colcombe A 298(A Ogden 62) George 353 (A Ellis, J Hounsell 62) v Axe Carpets A 332 (B Crispin 62) Red Lion A 364 (J Flint 81) v Seaton BC 334 (B Thompson, C McDonald 60).		
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Division 2:	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Guzzlers 272 (R Hallworth 52) v PJs 264(C Willson 51) Axe Carpets B 295 (H Phillips53) v Lambettes 311(C Herbert 68) Perfect Pins 332(B Westlake, J Llewellyn 57) v Kings Arms Stock 326(R Le Mare, S Hem-brow 59) Thorncombe New-tops 307(K Churchill 56) v New Inn A 333(P Hurford 63) New Inn B 320(W Mitcham 60) v Kings Army 275 (K Lloyd-Hughes 51).		

Division 3:	Pld	Pts
Old Inn A 298(L Beer 63) v Seaton FC 220(M Dack 47) Wilm Wanderers 336(S Laffin 65) v Tuckers B 316(K Laing 58) Madhatters 327(C Quigley 62) v Ax Allsorts 324(C Clement, J Pring 59) Colcombe B 326(J Renal 60) v Gerrard A 312(M Jenner 62) Axmouth Angels 321(S Gush 59) v Thorncombe A 310(B Harding 71).		

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	18	26
Seaton BC	18	24
Axe Carpets A	17	21
Harbour A	17	20
Red Lion A	18	20
B&Gs Chardstock	17	18
George C Stock A	17	17
Colcombe A	18	14
Red Lion Rabble	17	14
Lamb A	17	10
Old Inn Mates	16	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
New Inn B	19	25
PJs Social Club	18	24
New Inn A	18	24
Kings Army Seaton	18	22
Perfect Pins	18	20
Gerrard Guzzlers	18	16
Lambettes	18	16
Kings Arms Stock A	18	15
Tuckers Arms A	18	15
Axe Carpets B	18	13
Thorncombe Newtops	19	10

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilminster	18	27
Colcombe B	18	24
Harbour Antics	17	22
Gerrard A	17	18
Wilm Wanderers	18	18
Seaton FC	17	18
Seaton FC Mad Hatt	16	17

Axmouth Angels	18	16
Axe Inn Allsorts	19	14
Tuckers Arms B	17	10
Thorncombe A	17	8

COLYTON

Division 1:	Pld	Pts
Three Tuns A 367 (A Hutchinson 68) Lamb B 369 (A Churchill 75) Offwell A 338 (J Lockyer 66) Gerrard B 349 (J Tucker 77) Gerrard A 334 (D Hawkins 64) New Inn A 315 (R Webb 59) Lamb A 336 (T Moore 68) Vine B 327 (D Pratt 64) Axminster Con A 341 (S Woolloff, B Stuckey 60) Red Lion A 315 (C Miller 60) Axe Vale sc B 361 (M Enticott, L Summers 65) Honiton Con D 360 (Wil Tratt 76) Red Lion Cavaliers 357 (H Harris, D Thompson 64) Honiton WMC A 413 (S Pye 83);		

Division 2:	Pld	Pts
Vine A 337 (P Eveleigh 62) Colyton Club 376 (A Potter, R Tedbury 67); Beer Vikings 340 (S Jackson 67) Harbour A 332 (P Ives 64) Colcombe A 357 (C Tucker 73) Mountbatten Whites 371 (S Bonetta 71); Harbour C 365 (M Clement 65) Eagle Tavern 340 (C Hutchings 63); Axminster Carpets B 336 (C Coulson 68) Tuckers Arms A 323 (M Huskins 59); Sidbury Stones 363 (J Bass 68) Beer sc B 334 (D Hutchings, S Somers 59); Tuckers Arms B 380 (Laura Gould 75) Sidbury sc A 378 (T Pares 71);		

Division 3:	Pld	Pts
Awilscombe Harts 378 (J Woolacott 70) Beer Albion 392 (N Groves, M Graham 71); Rising Sun A 374 (A Baldwin, R Drew 68) Red Lion Sidbury 347 (G Ruck 68); Ship A 361 (R Cook 66) Axe Vale sc C 396 (G Miller 76) New Inn B 304 (N Cook 54) Tuckers Arms C 346 (R Burroughs 63); Seaton AFC A 363 (M Hancock 86) Volunteer A 352 (S Thornton 70); White Hart B 366 (G Stephens 73) Axminster Carpets A 340 (D Stone 67); Volunteer B 304 (N Broom 62) Harbour Beerboys 313 (P White 57);		

Division 4:	Pld	Pts
Kingfisher B 323 (A Hurford 67) Honiton Con B 312 (G Norman 60); Beer sc A 345 (D Copp 66) Kings Arms A 322		

(C Rogers 61); Red Cow A 331 (M Parkinson 66) Heathfield A 287 (R Evans 53); Honiton WMC B 328 (G Richards 69) Colcombe B 325 (B Harris 61); Honiton Con A 329 (Lin Dunn 63) Rising Sun B 313 (A Day 69); Axminster Inn A 329 (G Anstey 64) Kingfisher A 310 (A Bishop 61); Seaton Bowling club v bye;		
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Division 5:	Pld	Pts
Beer sc C 307 (N Gribble 62) Three Tuns Hammers 326 (B Spiller 65); Kings Arms B 303 (N Stone 59) Offwell Rejects 277 (Annie Riggs 56); Honiton Con BTP 324 (A Deen 58) Seaton AFC B 337 (Claire Rice, D Park 60); Old Inn 305 (Sally Denning, T Chatterway 56) P J'S A 273 (B Parker 58); Heathfield B 367 (Jenny Broom 68) White Hart A 345 (S Hallworth 67); Tuckers D v Beer sc D, & P J'S B v Ship B no cards in;		

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Vale SC B	21	34
Lamb A	21	28
Honiton WMC A	21	26
Honiton Con D	21	26
Gerrard A	21	24
Red Lion A	21	24
Axe Con A	21	23
Vine B	21	21
New Inn A	21	20
Gerrard B	21	18
Red Lion C	21	17
Lamb B	21	16
Three Tuns A	21	12
Offwell A	21	5

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Colyton Club	21	31
Mountbatten Whites	21	29
Tuckers Arms B	21	25
Colcombe A	21	24
Harbour C	20	24
Axe Carpets B	20	19
Beer Vikings	20	18
Sidbury SC A	21	18
Vine A	21	18
Harbour A	20	17
Sidbury SC Stones	21	17
Tuckers Arms A	21	17
Beer SC B	21	16
Eagle Tavern	21	16

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Volunteer A	21	30
Harbour BB	21	26
Ship A	21	26
Red Lion Sidbury	21	24
Beer Albion	21	22
Volunteer B	21	22
White Hart B	21	22
Awilsc Harts	21	21
Seaton FC A	21	20
Axe Vale SC C	21	19
Axe Carpets A	21	16
Rising Sun A	21	16

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WHIMPLE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	Pts
Lamb & Flag 'A'	18	15	3	137
Volunteer Pirates	18	13	5	123
Talaton Tally Ho's	17	11	6	109
Kings Aces	18	10	8	108
New Fountain Fly	18	7	11	85
Kings Young Guns	17	4	13	61
V'teer Volunteers	18	2	16	59

Results: Volunteer Volunteers 6 Talaton Tally

Ho's 3, Kings Aces 2 Lamb & Flag A 7, New Fountain Flyers 6 Kings Young Guns 3.

Fixtures (Sally White Charity Cup semi-finals): Talaton Tally Ho's v Volunteer Pirates (at New Fountain), Kings Aces v New Fountain Flyers (at Talaton Inn).

Runners recuperating

BY DAVE MUTTER

MOST of the Axe Valley Runners had the week off recovering from the Grizzly, however Lesley Adams ran the Cannon Hill (Birmingham) 5K Parkrun finishing 204th out of 305 in 28:47.

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Division Four	Pld	Pts
Beer SC A	19	26
Axe Inn A	19	25
Colcombe B	20	24
Honiton Con A	19	22
Kingfisher A	19	21
Honiton Con B	20	21
Rising Sun B	20	19
Kingfisher B	20	18
Heathfield A	19	16
Seaton BC	19	16
Tuckers Arms A	20	16
Honiton WMC B	19	14
Red Cow A	19	14

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Three Tuns Hammers	21	36
Seaton FC B	21	36
Beer SC D	20	26
Honiton Con BTP	21	26
Beer SC C	21	23
Kings Arms B	21	23
Ship B Shipmunks	20	22
Tuckers Arms D	19	20
White Hart A	20	20
Offwell Rejects	21	17
PJs B	20	12
Heathfield B	21	12
Old Inn B	21	11
PJs A	21	9

(* points deducted)

HONITON

RESULTS for Wednesday, March 13th.

Div 1: Smidgers 370 Scruffs 353, Raiders 356 Red Cow 382, Cricketers 368 Blacksmiths 350, Volunteer 316 Offwell 333, Vine B 360 Three Tuns B 363.

Div 2: Allsorts 313 Ups And Downs 316, Coasters 414 WMC A 389, Wild Thinks 344 Vine A 371, Tuckers A 390 Feniton Force 367, Misfits 335 Con A 358, Legion Volunteers Walk Over v Nog Inn.

Div 3: Woodpeckers 318 Volliers 298, Bluebirds 300 Angels 305, PWP 410 Legion Blue 386, Red Lion 332 Monks 344, Bluebellies 336 Shells Belles 334.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Three Tuns B	22	37
Scruffs	22	34

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Millwey Rise through to Bill Bailey cup final

ONLY three south-West Peninsula League games survived the weekend's deluge.

Sidmouth Town may have wished theirs hadn't as they were hammered 4-0 at Appledore.

The Vikings could have their hands full again on Saturday as they head off to face fourth-placed Stoke Gabriel.

After their game at Newton Abbot Spurs was washed out, Axminster Town are scheduled to return to action for their first game in five weeks on Saturday with the visit of lowly Alphington.

Down in the Devon & Exeter League premier division Feniton kept alive their hopes of a successful title chase with a hard-fought 2-1 win over struggling Thorverton at Acland Park.

Beer Albion had a day to forget. The Fishermen's net was filled six times as they were thrashed at Morchard Bishop.

Next weekend Feniton should have few problems at bottom-of-the-table

By Howard Larcombe

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East Budleigh while Beer have no game.

But the biggest game in the region sees Seaton Town head off to Newtown with a place in the East Devon Senior cup final awaiting the winners.

After their game at Heavitree was postponed Sidbury United resume their division one promotion push with a trip to Alphington Reserves.

All three of the region's division two teams will hope to return to action at the weekend.

Colaton Raleigh welcome Halwill, Honiton entertain Exeter Civil service Reserves while Sidmouth Town Reserves travel to Pinhoe.

Meanwhile, Ottery St Mary have been sucked into a division three relegation battle after they went down 1-0 at home against bottom club Sandford. The Otters welcome promotion-chasing Newton St Cyres

while Upottery and Offwell Rangers travel to University and Tedburn St Mary respectively.

In division Four Axmouth United went down 4-2 at leaders Heavitree SU 3rds.

The Hammers have a local-derby against Seaton Town Reserves to look forward to at the weekend.

Over in the Perry Street League Carl German scored twice as Millwey Rise Reserves booked their place in the Bill Bailey cup final after a 5-0 win at Hinton St George in one of the day's five games to be played.

Mark Pike, Keith Forsey and Marc Jenkins scored the other goals for rampant Rise.

The Millwey first team's game with Beaminster was washed out. Kev Turner's team are due to entertain improving Ilminster Town Reserves on Saturday.

It was a similar story for Farway United who face title favourites Winsham United at Eastlee Park at the weekend.

Seaton Town under 13s



■ FUTURE SEASIDERS: The Seaton Town under 13s squad pictured before last week's 6-2 victory over Feniton.



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